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Foreword

As the days of yesteryear unfold we realise our forefathers built into our society a stability consistency and endurance to survive. They not only had a faith in their God, but a faith in their fellowman. Regardless of our different lifestyle today the needs of the human race remain the same. Let us continue to build those things that are intangible, so we too may leave an inheritance for the future generations.

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I deem it an honour to have been asked by the Shetland Bank Committee to research, compile and write about the facts, the colour and changing patterns within their community over 150 years. It has been an arduous but interesting task and I owe a sincere debt of gratitude to the committee members and numerous others in the area who have gathered materials, answered questions lent photos, proof read copy and assisted in any way.

We are fully aware that there will be errors and omissions in the material gathered, for they were derived from a number of sources and as non-professionals we have attempted to be as accurate as possible.

I hope you will enjoy reading my kaleidoscope views of life in a rural community.

Mary E Ross

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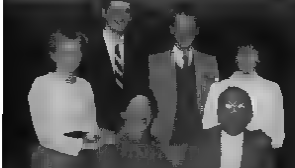


Donna, Mark, Gail and Lyn
Bill and Eric

The Hudson Family

For four years now I have been pastor to the Shetland Church which comprises part of the Oakdale Pastoral Charge. Perhaps it would be more correct to say that my wife and two children have maintained with me as they have and much to contribute. This was our first experience of a Canadian farming community having crossed the ocean from England, but ten years previously. I mention that because England has a rural areas left that can compare with the Shetland area. In Europe the country man or a dying is sold as city boundary meets city boundary and city dwellers take over he dwellings made redundant by mechanization. How fortunate we are to have villages such as Shetland where countrymen abound and return time to willingly given to neighbours and the community. The "townie" like myself I am often lost when it comes to farm prices and agricultural methods but nobody has nobody can misunderstand the warmth and vitality of this people. If one cannot find a welcome in Shetland then I guess the fault must lie within one's self. Another strength emanating from Shetland is the strong family ties and loyalties. Shetland has so many qualities which city neighbours and churches are trying to reproduce and least a sense of belonging. We have that in abundance. As a Christian I believe that many of these qualities come to us as we worship and seek to serve Jesus Christ. He is the author of compassion love and family. Our forefathers made the community possible through the vitality of their faith. Lets pray that the Lord enables us to hand on to our children a Shetland is no way depleted but strong in the qualities that make his village a delight to be part of. Yesterday I read this verse of scripture and will it as a conclusion.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places may I have a delightful inheritance

Psalm 16:6 (N.I.V

Pastor

1 — Early Community History

The worth of a community is measured not by the topography and natural resources of the area but by the people their aptitudes to life to their neighbours to their heritage and their determine tion to make the place where they live a community in the true sense of the word a fellowship of common interests and aims

Thus is the story of Scotland, a community seeking to inherit the example set by those who pioneered the settlement and the growth of a centre of worship in which had its beginning one hundred and fifty years ago (Taken from leaflet set in by the Clergy Lenders' Visit)

EARLY BEGINNINGS

A picturesque stream meandered through a wooded wilderness area where the forest consisted mostly of maple and elm with a good sampling of oak, hickory and beech. Except for some tamarack in swamp land and some white pine few evergreens were originally in the area. Seasoned chestnut, white and black ash and walnut were growing along the stream. The only inhabitants were the native Indians belonging to the Chippewa Nation encamped by the waterways in the region. The stream possessed the name Bear Creek named after the chief of an Indian tribe living in the area

At that time all of the land was part of the District of Nissas proclaimed by Lord Dorchester on 24 July 1788. Colonel John Graves Simcoe by proclamation on 16 July 1792 divided the province of Upper Canada into nineteen counties, and the name was changed to the Western District

Samuel Smith a native of Accomac Upper Canada made the first township survey in 1800. Smith a volunteer in the War of 1812 and a trustworthy Loyalist came into contact with Colonel Mahlon Burwell. Mr Smith a noted engineer and surveyor Burwell had received a post-war contract to survey a number of townships so he asked the survey to Smith

The survey extended from the Thames River to the present south line of Bayham Township. The concessions were numbered east to west and the lots north to south

The first fourteen ranges of lots were reserved by the government for the use of the Delaware Indians brought in Upper Canada in 1792, by the Moravian missionaries Since October 1818, they had been homeless after the Americans burned their villages on the Thames The territory was referred to as Indian Zone from which came the name Zone township

As the province was inhabited and possessed by native Indians it is interesting to know how their rights were surrendered

Treaty Number 21 was made on 9 March 1819 between John Aikins on behalf of His Majesty and one Tuscago and others chiefs and principal men of the Chippewa nation of Indians These Indians inhabited or claimed that tract of land which includes the present townships of Lobo, Caradoc Ekfrid and Mosa in Middlesex County and Souths Dorn Raphoma and part of Brooke and Enniskillen in Lambton County I was agreed that the Indians would surrender their land over half a million acres for a consideration of an annuited payment of three currency yearly one-half in specie and the other half in goods at the Montreal price

This was followed by a further provisional agreement, Treaty Number 29½, which was dated 9 May 1820 It was made at Amherstburg between John Ironside Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs and the said Tuscago and others Under this treaty it was agreed that $10 in goods at the Montreal price was to be paid yearly to every man, woman and child and to their posterity forever provided that the number of annuitants

did not exceed 240 which was the number of persons then composing the native tribe using and claiming the said tract of land. There was reserved a parcel of land containing 16,320 acres which was apparently in Carnduff Township, and also a tract two miles square distant four miles above the rapids which are now the source of the Rose Creek nearly parallel to Mountain Village which would seem to be the township of Euphemia and Inwin.

The two treaties mentioned above were followed by Treaty Number 25 dated 9 July 1818, wherein it was agreed that in consideration of an annuity of £1100 to be paid in merchandize at the Montreal price to each man, woman and child of the Chippewa Nation of Indians and to their posterity, the land were released. It is interesting to note that Canada did not compensate the Indians for this large tract of land — the Indian Reserve at Rose Creek, Treaty 1818 on which lots were struck off it had been settled and many patents issued. The compensation paid to the Indians for the whole of the Rose Creek Reserve was £ 105.12.4 for and were placed to their credit in 1849. The Rose Creek Indians had joined those of Carradoc in 1831. Samuel Peters Jarvis, Norfolk surveyor all night until the survey party at the Indian village on 26 May 1831

C. The Manitoulin to E. Montreal regards

Extracts from the diaries and field notes of Samuel Smith show that the Indians played a part in surveying the area.

Thursday 24 May 1821:

I continued in the afternoon. I measured across twelve links to River Creek and saw two men down Bear Creek to fetch up the canoe that I got taken out. Found that the old one very badly. I took the variation of the compass and found it to be three degrees east

Friday 25 May 1821

I send H Holmes to River Thames after a canoe to take T Mills home. Continued my line with much difficulty crossing Bear Creek. Send J Hunt up the creek with a canoe to the rapids to meet me proceed my further. I send him and another man. They undertook to go up the rapids and expect the canoe and meet us soon. They landed the canoe half a mile across a bend of the creek. I sent three back to bring the axe. They found the axe in the rapids of the creek. I continued and numbered seven sigh, lots and measured to the camp at dark.

Saturday 26 May 1821:

We marched down the river to the Indian Village and engaged all night. One perverson was run out and we had no supper.

Monday 28 May 1821:

We encamped at an Indian sugar camp

Tuesday 29 May 1821

Clear day. Arrived at twelve o'clock midday I sent the men down the river to Joshua Cornwall's. I went up to the Moravian town to get an Indian to go out with me but they were busy planting corn I got 12 pounds of sugar and returned to Cornwall's at dark. I eat much cold milk for supper Went to the barn I slept

Sunday 3 June, 1821

We all arrived and got on shore at three and I continued my line across the lake. Night came on. I could not run to Bear Creek but we went about ten chains Encamped at Bear Creek in the evening. An Indian came paying around a piece of the camp. We thought they had attacked us then heads as they had left Aprophet should not survive. he said We must shoot four chains off the camp and slept

Monday 4 June 1821

We got up and went to the creek to get the canoe up They went to the Indian camp There was twelve in number. They brought up the canoe and I crossed my line to the creek. In crossing Mr Holmes and T Stewart and I Craggie upset the canoe and left us there P Holmes swam to shore The others held to the canoe and got to shore. An Indian canoe came up with three Indians in and I crossed and secured with the line to the west corner T Stewart lost the marking iron. We hunted a long time for it, could not find it. We got across four lots

Friday 15 June 1821

The devil got on the Indians and left me through the pretence of being sick

Saturday 16 June 1821

Made camp, had peas for supper

Sunday 17 June 1821

I read ten chapters of Matthew and copied my field notes.

Tuesday 24 June 1823

I went to the boat [on the Thames] after breakfast. Got nose flattened to wash (Wordsworth) sat breakfast. Went to Fielding's got one and three-quarters pounds of tobacco for the nine. Returned to the Merrimaskeen, and sat dinner with the priest. Then went down to Johnson's. Abraham Holmes had fetched me a barrel of flour. I calculated the variation of the compass in the evening.

The device of Samuel Pratt
The Merrimaskeen — ed. tr.

Sunday 3 July 1825

We shaved our beards off, and dinner and supper two sets in the afternoon.

In 1824, the disposition of land was given to Colonel Talbot. He had been granted 5000 acres of land in 1803 in reward of his military rank. For every settler he got to locate on 100 acres of his own land, he received 200 additional acres. Talbot was a unique character who required an oath of allegiance to Great Britain from prospective landowners and granted no deed until the land had been occupied five years.

Talbot's man of letters indicates clearly his remarkable disinterring the numerous settlers on his single land parcel, as they might easily be termed. Being an eccentric, he might remove an unsuspecting mama from her cabin if her political views differed or he could place three wives he liked the least as far away from himself as possible and in the worst headquarters. Talbot did, however receive every seventh lot for the Clergy Reserves as was done in all Upper Canada until 1826. His alien land and land-granting practice made it unique in the province.

Seasonal labour which was introduced about 1820 and continued until recent times took care of local needs to many extent. The Station Labour Act was a provision for the building and upkeep of roads. Each ratepayer was obliged to give the number of days of work for such purposes which was determined by the total assessed for which he was assessed. It was the duty of the overseer to warn the ratepayer out to work and to direct and superintend the work. Each overseer and about three miles of road under his care. He was required to live in the area subject to his charge.

Little thought a mere generation the many days of unskilled services performed by our forebears in providing a foundation for the splendid highways we now enjoy.

By 1824 Colonel Talbot had 48,200 acres of land.

The first pioneers of Upper Canada settled along the waterways, where suitable land was accessible. The ground along the inland rivers was higher than that further inland. Drainage facilitated cultivation and small amounts of fertilizer from midden and similar manure. Being close to water, it was easier to secure supplies and market produce since the only other means of travel were Indian trails through a heavily timbered wilderness. The woods teemed with deer, wild pigeon, wild turkey, moose and fur. Bears were encountered occasionally and although destructive once killed were edible. The streams provided good fishing.

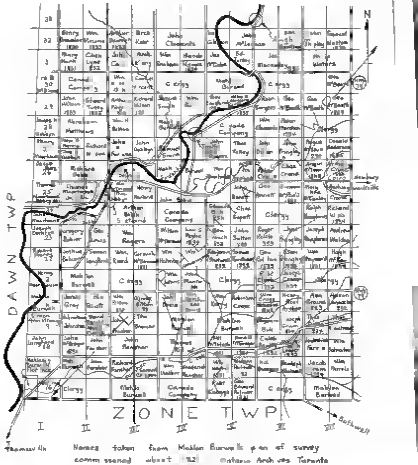
The first actual settler in Raphaela was David Fancher. He was of French Huguenot extraction. His ancestors having settled in New York state in early colonial days. In the spring of 1824 David left his Hillsdale and two children encamped to travel westward. They travelled through the Talbot Road to the Thames River and rafted their possessions 60-80 miles down-stream, to a site now called Thamesville. The man chosen to build a mill, given by Cannon (Croteau) then followed. Bear Creek (Sydenham River to a place (Florence) where a spring fed creek extended into the river. The creek was followed about three miles to an easterly direction where they selected a site to build three log farms. The stream and Indian trail both bear the Canadian name (as it spelled today)

Later the same spring Richard Bolsby, Thomas Mackinson and John and Gregory Fisher settled on Bear Creek between two and three miles above the present Florence.

Richard Bolsby was educated in Dublin, Ireland and taught school for a time in April 1816, he married Hannah Bernal. They emigrated to Canada via New York State to Queenston and to Stone where they settled on Lot 26 concession 2 Richard and Maria had 13 children. 8 sons and 3 daughters lived to adult age

Thomas Mackinson and his wife Jane (Hogsteel) came to Canada from their native Ireland in 1824 and homesteaded on lot 26, concession 2 on Zone just west of the hamlet (Shadrach) They brought seven children with them but little 2-year old Marie drowned at Port Stanley shortly after their

PIONEER LANDS ON BURWELL'S COMMISSIONED SURVEY



Names taken from Mealon Burwell's plan of survey commissioned about 1812 Original held at the Toronto

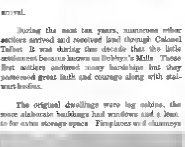
Richard and Mariah Dobbyn

Thomas and Jane Moorhouse

arrival.

During the next ten years, numerous other settlers arrived and received land through Colonel Talbot. It was during this decade that the little settlement became known as Dobbyn's Mills. These first settlers endured many hardships but they possessed great faith and courage along with stalwart bodies.

The original dwellings were log cabins, the more elaborate buildings had windows and a door, to the extra storage space. Fireplaces and chimneys



Frederick Walker's first log home

were fashioned of crossed sticks plastered with mortar made of pounded clay. If there were floors, they were hewn basswood logs. The hay racks, orchard snaths, cradles, harrows and sleds were all homemade or made by a more skilled pioneer neighbour, and paid for with a work exchange. Blacksmiths were needs of iron wood or water-bench centres. There might have been one wagon for the community used by all, to "keep-off" their stacks of grain or hay. Co-operation was vital in these pioneer communities as a settler was able to accomplish the large projects which he could not handle by himself by means of the neighbourhood bee. If a pioneer owned a yoke of oxen, a logging chain, a wooden plough in some barrow-teeth of 1½ inch bee he would indeed be considered rich.

To get provisions a man would walk 36 miles on wooded trails to Chatham and carry home 50 lbs. of flour and other necessities a couple of men might row a boat loaded with 60 bushels of grain down Bear Creek and go to Detroit by way of Lake St. Clair to bring home flour and supplies.

As more and more land was cleared and settled property boundaries became a difficult problem. The original surveys rarely marked anything more than the frontal limits of a property often on the road allowance and left other boundaries to be marked by the settle himself. As natural regions became more populous disputes inevitably arose over boundaries between neighbouring farms. Disagreements over the proper location of fences some-

Clifton Wilson using a scythe

times lasted for years. In many districts of this kind occurred in Upper Canada that, in 1844, an act was passed establishing the official position of "Scavenger". According to the act, these officials were "fit and discreet persons", appointed to investigate boundary disputes and to determine how and where fences should be built. They also also decided the quality and the type of fence to be used and even the date by which it had to be erected. Fence viewers also possessed authority to determine the positioning and construction of drains. They were usually paid two dollars a day which, considering the power and the responsibility they held was a small sum even for those days

An extract from the minutes of the Western District Council for the year 1847 stated. On February 2 1847 Joseph Hawthorne asked leave to present his motion Fence Viewers for Zone were Wm. Hawthorne Edward Tully Francois Cox and Richard Fancher

By 1836 Samuel Smith partially abandoned his profession as surveyor and leased on Lot 27 one session 4 where he owned 400 acres in a block adjacent only securing title to nearly 2000 acres in the township. He saw active service with the militia during the Rebellion of 1837-38 and later represented Zone in the council of the Western District. Seeing possibilities in the use of water power Smith erected a grist mill to grind wheat into flour

a sawmill to cut lumber a turning mill to run a lathe to make such items as chair legs a water-powered fulling mill where fleeces were pressed between rollers and cleaned with soap and fuller's earth and a carding mill, where fleeces were combed and untangled The ordering of work in the mills and in the opening of a quarry from which building stone was procured The picturesque spot still bears the name Smith's Falls" Samuel was active till 1862. He died September 14, 1867 at age 68 and is buried in Esquesing Township.

In 1848 the north part of Esso became the township of Esquesing. The name was given by the Honourable Malcolm Cameron Member of Parliament for Kent and Lambton in honour of his mother Mrs Esquesing Cameron. In 1849 the districts were abolished and Kent and Lambton were formed as provisional counties This is the first time the name Lambton officially appears as a county

Prior to this, it was stated that the first town meeting was held in the log church in 1835 and the first District Councillor Andrew Ward was elected in the early 1840 s Joseph Hawthorne was a member of District Council for the Western District and also the first representative to the District Council from Esquesing after 1846.

Esquesing had a measure of self government quite early The first council elected after the Municipal Institutions Act took effect in 1850 The reeve was Richard Dobbyn clerk William Cinnamin and assessor William Armstrong

Fence Viewer

Wallace settlement did not come readily in the 1800's according to Esphemia Township bylaw No. 29 of May 9, 1908 passed with John Bolger as reeve and William Bridges, as clerk. It provided that those should be no aid for tuberculosis unless their application is accompanied by a letter signed by twelve ratepayers who reside in the immediate neighbourhood saying that it is absolutely necessary that aid be granted.

The early pioneer place names in which the word "mills" appears testifies to the fact that one of the early pioneer industries was the grist mill. Thus the little hamlet on the river was known as Bridges Mill until May 1, 1865, when the name "Shedden" was applied by the post office department, to an office opened in the hamlet on lot 25, concessions 2 and 3. The name originated from the Shedden lake of Scotland. Likewise Bear Creek has been called the Sydenham River since 1846

MUZZLE-LOADING FLINT-LOCK

This description of the weapon used for hunting and protection in the early 1800's is taken from the Recollections of Walter Moorhouse

Military Type Flintlock Musket

Powder Horn

The muzzle gun hung over the door of the kitchen when I was a lad. It had been a muzzle-loading flint-lock, that is, the powder and shot were carried not in ready charged shells but in horns a bullet hung from the shoulder. The cap of each horn served to measure the amount of powder and shot to be rammed into the open end of the gun with proper wadding to keep it in place. A ram-rod was attached to the gun for this purpose. Then loaded, the gun was set off by a spark from a flint struck by a trigger and set over a small pan of powder that was fed by a channel filled with powder down to the powder in the barrel. If the burning powder reached there then the explosion and the discharge of the shot. The glimmer. A flash in the pan, progressing faithful came from misfires in the old flint-lock the powder in the pan or pan rust all proceedingly with a puff that did not reach the lethal load in the barrel. But when it came on the scene in the 1840's the cumbersome flint-lock guns made way into a cup gun. The powder and shot were contained and primed into the muzzle as before, but the charge was set off by a percussion cap that fitted over the muzzle first and was struck by a "hammer-out-trigger". Instead of shot, a ball could be inserted in the barrel, a ball about the size of a marble that was moulded from lead by the kitchen stove in the long winter evenings. Indeed, for lack of shot and ball (and there were shortages in these days) shingle nails were poured down the throat of the gun - but only in an emergency. The gun kicked badly but if the boisterous beauty made game he also brought home a black-and-blue shoulder. One of the latest guns, my father said took a rabbit or a squirrel, mussed and the chatter ing squirrel scampered up a tree. "If you had been at the other end of the gun" said the lived man rubbing his shoulder and resuming elegantly "you wouldn't've run chittering up that tree"

Such a gun loaded with shot would have been making against a marauding bear and my grand father probably was aware of that

THE THRESHING BEE

Remember those threshing gangs of the good old days?

The binding and stacking were first. If you had an average standing crop it wasn't too bad. But if the field was lodged it had to be cut all one way In spite of all you did the sheaves came at the side and shape of a oversleeve feather tick with four or five of them stuck together. You couldn't stook them, so you just threw them into piles and prayed it didn't rain.

The Shetland Company Threshing Outfit was operated by the late John Smith of Shetland. A Sawyer Massey engine is pulling a Goodfellow separator and the cut in the background is a 490 Chevrolet. The picture was taken in 1932 or 1933. The outfit apparently burned in a fire in 1935. The company also owned a corn shredder and a cutting box. Others involved in threshings in the Shetland area included Bob and Duncan Gray, Bob Leask, Clayton Sharp, Everitt and Alvro Smith, Duncan McGillivray and Wm Roberts.

After your crop was stooked (stacked) you wanted for a separator (threshing machine). But you didn't sit at home and wait you went to help your neighbours thrash.

Day after day you left your own stacks in the field while you we had for the neighbours You hoped the fine weather would hold and that you wouldn't be in the meantime from the thrat

At last the steam engine, water tank and separator pulled into your yard The separator owner and two or three helpers moved in too for the duration. With much squealing and screeching as the falling darkness the machines would be pushed and in readiness for the next day o'ph

Next morning just after daylight when your chores were only half done the neighbours would start to gather You knew the only reason they were there so early was to get out of work at home. About ten or eleven o clock if you were in fast time, the dew and frost enough to begin operations

Suddenly all the men disappeared Had they gone home? No, eight or ten of them and guns in the field where it was clean So away went the farmer to gather up enough rats who neither owned him money or wasn't too bright to work on the dusty boot around the machine He needed a man or two to help unload three or four on the bags new on the blower and tease body on the straw stack

Who can forget the way the reats was held out from the machine bagger in the granary Around circular through narrow doors, under scaffold poles stairs or even up planks which some disc or seed had spread out with great ahead of you. A lot of this wh be you were loaded like a pack horse and hard ever double No wonder the trust companies did n wearing business

Meanwhile some poor devil was trying to cut and thrash straw Something must keep trying to keep out of the way of the dust-belching blow pipe. When he d come down to the ground his face would be pure black except for his little blood shot red-rimmed eyes

About three o clock everybody was hoping the machine would break down. Anything to get out of the heat dirt and noise. The one man who hoped the separator would keep together was the farm owner

Towards the end of the day the teamsters would start scheming and cunning as no one wanted to bring the last load from the field As the end neared an extra big load would be put on in hopes that, that would be it only to find that men

times out of ten the second hot wagon would have emptied itself on leaving a few stooks for a LAST trip after all

In the early hours of the morning the hustle and bustle would begin in the house. Huge roasts of meat were put into the oven and fresh pies were made by the dozens, by the housewife and neighbour ladies for such thing as having your baking done a week ahead of time and frozen. The kitchen table was extended full length and the laundry tubs were set up outside so the men could remove the first few layers of dirt and grime. The children ran errands, time raced back and sighed their turn to eat after the threshers were fed hoping there would be one piece of their favourite pie left

In 1975 Keith Elliott cut a field of oats using a 1935 McCormick Deering binder while Harry Bankers drove the 1940 International Farmall H in preparation for a threshing demonstration at the annual Florence Fair held on Sycamore Isle

Hundreds of farmers alert must have started on threshing day when it threatened. Light rain would begin to fall. Does it would say. The thresher owner would ask about going ahead and a few more drops would fall. About then some character who was smarter than he looked would throw a couple of clamp shovels of straight into the machine and that would be it for the day

Do you really think they re-taken the fun out of harvesting with these huge self-propelled combines? Neverthe ess memories of the past can relate nostalgic reminiscences to today s youth.

Having warm afternoons act especially the heat of early summer. The advent of the one man rack and the hay loader as pictured here made the job somewhat easier for Bourne Ian the load and Bob Gray

SUGARING OFF

Making maple syrup was a business carried on in the spring around Shelburne. These pictures depict early methods, with trees tapped, sap collected and boiled to sent ten bottles over an open fire. The discovery of natural gas in the area permitted rapid conversation of sap into sugar with the use of an 8 x 15 foot evaporator over a gas fire. At one time over 1500 trees were tapped in the wood lot.

Syrup making is still carried on today to a much lesser extent. Families carrying on the tradition are Jack and George Elliot, Owen and Roland Bishop. Donald and Glenn Elliot and Donald Thompson.

Photos by Walter Monkhouse

2 — The Church

The spiritual values of the early pioneers, their devotion to the welfare of others and the promotion of good citizenship were of prime concern. These devoutly religious people were not without some fellowship with a church primitive as it was in the beginning.

The first Methodist church in Canada was the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was of American origin. As immigration increased many of the settlers requested English missionaries. To avoid a conflict between the English and the Americans an agreement was made in 1820, whereby Upper Canada would remain under the superintendence of the Americans and Lower Canada's would be under the British Conference of the Methodist Church. The missionary organization developed a pattern of circuits and later districts to reinforce, teach and serve the little communities in Upper Canada. A circuit rider or saddle-bag preacher would cover a certain territory for settlements. Records for the period of 1800 are scarce but in 1807 Reverend George Ferguson was listed as a travelling missionary on the Thames circuit. No doubt, he had heard of the little settlement on Bear Creek in Zone Township for he visited it out visited with the families read scriptures and had prayer. It is highly probable that worship would be held in one of the homes. Despite the best efforts of the travelling missionary he did well if he visited a community once or maybe twice a year. Other names earlier listed for the Thames circuit in the following years were 1808 John Sinclair 1809 Richard Phelps 1810 Thomas Herman 1811 Ambrid Sheffield 1812 Hiram Deas

Mr Thos Moorhouse's obituary states that he was converted at age 15 (1811) to the Methodist Episcopal Church at a special revival service held in

the neighbourhood by Reverend A. Barfoot. Quite probably a class or congregation would be formed to carry on prayer meetings between missionary visits.

In 1858 a separate conference was founded in Canada called the Wesleyan Methodists who were entirely separate from the Wesleyan Methodists of America. The English said they could send missionaries to that church without breaking the 1820 covenant. In 1883, the Wesleyan Methodist and the Methodist Episcopal Church united but that union was short lived for in 1884, the Methodist Episcopal Church was reconstituted.

As this settlement grew, it is reasonable to surmise that the log house would be nearly crowded when families gathered for worship or special meetings. So as this progressed, in the vicinity of the mines meeting workplaces of a place large enough to hold all persons who were interested in participating.

About this time the Wesleyan Methodist church was made in Britain was sending out missionaries to Upper Canada. In 1884, Wm. Griffin of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, no doubt assisted the growing local Church settlement. Since Thos. Moorehouse and his wife were connected with Methodism in Ireland about 1807 they would welcome assistance from the British view in their settlement.

To meet a growing need and probably encouraged by the visit of Reverend Wm. Griffin, a log church was built on the property of Thomas Moorehouse in 1886 and came to be known as the Moorehouse Church.

This log church was built in 1886 and Wm. Fee by (1862-1926) helped with the construction. It is thought that this first church built in the area was part of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada. Several years later (1845-46 there are recorded reports of its Missionary Society under the Chatham circuit and Do se branch with Moorhouse ownership names such as Wilson Langford Tobbyn Moorhouse, Johnson Reid Cronin etc and Misses Sarah and Susan Moorhouse as collectors. Miss Maria Gibson is also listed as a collector for the Webster Gibson Stills and Kirby families. Presumably this was another area but part of the Zion branch. Miss Gibson was the first teacher for school classes held in the log church before the log school was built. In the 1845-46 report Miss Tobbyn name disappears and the Moorhouse name is used.

From the reports of the Methodist Missionary Society it is evident that Methodism was growing and territorial organization was altered to meet new demands. In a 1846-47 report there was a Sydenham and Walpole District which included the Moorhouse branch. Reverend John Williams in his report that year said, "New Edinburg is of larger dimensions. It extends about 10 miles up the River St. Clair, about 12 miles up the north branch of the river Sydenham about 30 miles up the east branch of the Sydenham and along the river Bright Creek."

In 1847-48 the area was known simply as Sydenham Mission and included Walkerton, Baldoon Brooden and Moorhouse branches. Baldoon probably was an area around the house where Reverend John Williams and his family lived for three years. It was said to have been built by Lord Selkirk nearly forty years earlier and called

The Methodist circuit rider often re ided as many as forty or fifty miles between appointments enduring hardships that now seem incredible Travelling in all manner of weather through forests and fording streams and rivers these riders frequently carried their few worldly possessions in saddle-bags. When they finally arrived at a community the place of worship was often a house a barn, a school and in rare cases, a church. Many a circuit rider was responsible for the religious welfare of communities scattered throughout hundreds of square miles of territory.

Baldwin House. When a successor to Reverend John Williams was appointed in 1840 there is no longer a report on Baldwin. It is likely the families joined in with other branches. The Reverend Williams states in his 1845-48 report as part, "In regard to the prospects of Methodism in the Baldwin Bush are some things to be displeased, while there are others that greatly cheer and encourage. The continued state of the provincial militia very much against the spiritual and temporal prosperity of our church while again the aggression with which the people entered into the Temperance and the large and increasing congregations are truly gratifying to the servant of Christ.

In the same year 1840, there appears to have been neither re-organization of societies and the Methodist record is listed under Wardsville. The evidence of steady growth is stated by Reverend E. Jeffers in his 1845-46 report. "The field of labour being so extensive it is impossible to give that due attention which the work necessarily requires notwithstanding we have reason to adore the Giver of all Good for encouraging manifestations. The appointments where I is I face to be congregations or places to worship through the bless ng of Kester Providence will include assemble a considerable buildings to hear he word of life. The Moorhouse branch appeared to be conspicuously healthy for Mr. Gullens reports "Our last Quarterly Meeting held in he Moorhouse as gibbonsheed was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The Love-feast and sacrament were accordingly partiable that it was difficult to bring them to close.

The spirit of these itinerant missionaries varied but unanimously they held meetings in any places where people might gather. They were frequently evangelical. During the absence of the missionary to minister and assist in their faith there were class meetings, where partic pants would testify as to the workings of their faith. There were prayer meetings also. In 1845-46 reference was made to Sunday Schools by Mr. Sullows in his report.

The Sabbath Schools are making some little progress. The children are attentive and quite muiterous in order; each other in committing portions of holy Scriptures to memory and there is no doubt that if gious sensible teachers could be obtained these institutions would be rendered a blessing to the world.

In 1850, Reverend Charles Silvester made his report with the Moorhouse corner listed under the Sydenham French spring. While there is not little Wesleyan Methodism on the River Sydenham we are not without some favourable indications of its principal establishment.

The report of 1853 states, "A neat new church has been built in the Moorhouse neighbourhood, and the church in Wardsville is nearly finished. The congregations in all parts of the mission are good. No Indian appointment at present in the circuit."

In 1853, a deed for the property was issued on the 6th of September. That for the consideration of one pound. Thomas Moorhouse (1815-1880) conveyed to Wm. Moorhouse, Samuel Fordham, Wm. Fenby, Henry Moorhouse, Joseph Hicks, John Moorhouse and Richard Wilkes as trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada a Chapel and Burying Ground in the Township of Sydenham, one acre in lot 39 concession 2. The deed was witnessed by Edward Ward and John Edward Wilkes. The original Anglo-Saxon church church was one of the first slightly north of the present brick church. The building was in use until 1882 when it was moved into the village and used as a store until it burned in 1918.

From the reporting of Rev. A.E. Moorhouse. [illegible]

In the 1868-69 Missionary Report mention is made of arrangements made for the building of a parsonage in Florence which is intended to be he head of a new mission. This was signed by W. Jones Wm Hawke in his 1868-69 report states, "The parsonage completed and the financial state of the mission is encouraging though the majority of the people have had to struggle with great difficulty in consequences of the failure of their crops last year

The report of 1868-69 by Reverend Wm. Hawke states that Florence three years ago was set off from Wardsville, with 81 members there are now 208 members and 16 on trial.

In 1880-81 at Florence Reverend Wm Savage reported "The past year has been one of pleasing prosperity nearly one hundred precious souls have we believe been truly converted to God and the church generally quickened. We have a good increase in all our funds especially the Missionary and what is 90% more than last year. We re-

quire a second preacher upon this field of labor as our borders are an unusually increasing

In the 1884-85 report the Moorhouse branch is listed under the Euphemia circuit along with the Onaley McKenzie's and Annex branches

In 1885-86 the Moorhouse branch is listed under the Wardsville and Euphemia Mission. A year later it was listed under the Newbury Circuit which included the Newbury Moorhouse McKenzie Gage's and Onaley branches and remained so until 1874 At that time the Wesleyan Methodist church and some Union Methodist churches

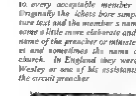
WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

For Class in ... quarter, and the holy's seen in the ... which is ... to be ... from ... Lord ... Jesus Christ ... for ever. Amen.

Williams Moorhouse

Young

CLASS TICKETS or MEMBERSHIP TICKETS were small cards used in early Methodism both in England and America to identify members of the Methodist Societies. They were first used only to members of the Bands but later to every acceptable member of the societies. Originally the tickets bore simply a date, a scripture text and the member's name Later they became a little more elaborate and included also the name of the preacher or minister issuing the ticket and sometimes the name of the society or church. In England they were issued by John Wesley as one of his evangelists in America by the circuit preacher


WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA

Quarterly Ticket for May, 1891.

Not one of these ... — 1 Cor. 1 3.

Robt Woodward

M Burke

together to form the Methodist Church of Canada For the next ten years the Moorhouse church is found under the Florence Circuit.

Circuit rulers and ministers from 1827-1835
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA

Thames Circuit

1827 George Ferguson
1828 John M Hurlon
1829 Richard Phelps
1830 Thomas Harmon
1831 Asahel Hurlburt
1832 Horace Dean
1833 Unknown

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA

1834-35 Wm Griffin Chas B Goodrich
1837 Stephen Miles George R. Sanderson
1838-39 John Ruttan Thos McMullen Jas Milner
1840-41 John K. Williston, Thos Williams
1841 Cornelius Flumerfelt Daniel Wright

CHATHAM CIRCUIT

1842 C Flumerfelt, Geo Young
1844 Samuel C. Philp Joseph B. Spencer
1845 Wm Willoughby Nathan Astle

WALPOLE AND SYDENHAM MISSION

1846-48 John Williams

WARDSVILLE MISSION

1849 Edward Sallows
1850-52 Chas Silvester
1853-54 Wm. Aikens
1855 Thos Fawcett
1856-58 Wm. Hawke Thos Ennis
1859-61 Wm Savage Hugh Johnston Jas Thornton
1862-63 John Hodgson Samuel Alexander John Rose Robert Waddell

EUPHEMIA CIRCUIT

1864 Thos Atkinson

WARDSVILLE AND EUPHEMIA MISSION

1865 Conrad Vandusen Thos Atkinson

NEWBURY CIRCUIT

1866-68 Ezra A Stafford
1868-70 Manley Enamon
1871 Edmund S. Sheney
1872-73 Mr Harris Thos. Geo Wm J Ford

Joining the decade from 1870-1880, a few interesting facts were gleaned from the annual meeting record book. 1870 - 3 gallons of lamp oil cost 30¢ and 3 lamp chimneys 27¢. Wicks were 9¢. Mrs. Howe was paid $5.00 to be caretaker for the year. 1871 - Boone purchased for 50¢ an account book for 40¢ and a cord of wood $1.00. 1872 - The cost of insuring the church for a year - $6.00. 1874 - John Ward was caretaker for 26.00 and it cost $10.00 to plaster the inside of the church. 1875 - Wm. H. Meadows built a fence @ $1.80 a rod with total cost 164.50. 1876 - The caretaking fee had increased to $14.00 per year and $1.50 was spent on kerosene lamps. 1877 - John Howe offered a place of land 40 feet on the east 100 feet on the west and 50 feet wide on the west end to build a church and. The deed, 180 feet by 50 feet, was made by Wm. Henry Meadows for $100. The deed cost 10¢ and it took $2.00 to have it registered. 1878 - The church and shed were insured for $900.00 at a cost of $6.00. Three yards of

1877

Son of shed
Repair fence 28 feet west
Put 2 window sash from
bottom of old side of plate
sill 2 inch work in each side
blocks across end rest of timber
block with 2 iron plates and bolts
12 8 100 lbs 2 regular dimension joists
on spaces on end of girts on
back one girt and beam on each
end One 2 inch plank for
roof 2 long way for the ends
and make the
block with 2 iron plates
I frame walls 8 American 16
and change roof to 6 American
shingles the 2 inch to the
weather plates 8 inches square

Original specifications

roofing was purchased for the lower. A table-cloth cost $2.25, 2 bowls were 25¢ and 2 goblets were 37¢.

Early in 1882, a committee consisting of Charles Graham, Albert Ward and Jonathan Quigley were appointed to be in charge of the erection of a new church. A contract for a building 44 feet x 26 feet, to include building and all finishing was drawn up On April 26, the builders were present and the number of contract. C W Bart of Rockwell was accepted for $2500 00 & Peters was the architect.

The following was recorded in "The Christian Guardian" - September 13 1882 page 286.

The basis of the Kenilworth appointment seemed to be a large gathering of people on August 30th. To attempt a description of the dinner would only be doing the ladies an injustice. The great object of the day was attended to after dinner laying the corner-stone of a new brick church. The Rev W K Parker M A Chairman of the District, was present to take charge of the ceremonies, and to adjust the stone which he did in a workmanlike manner. As the address he gave afterwards was acted upon by all present it would be out of place. The following ministers were present and gave short and pithy talks Rev Messrs Huff Keogh McLeod Kidd Freeman Jordan Gordon Wilson. A tin box was placed in the stone containing the documents and coins intended as such an occasion The proceeds of the day amounted to $64 00

The opening and dedication of the new brick church took place on Sunday November 12 with services at 11 30, 2 30 and 6 30 and a grand lecture Rev Wm McDonagh of Clinton speaking at 7 30 on Monday November 13 Admission to the lecture cost 25¢

A portion of the report in "The Christian Guardian December 20 1882 page 402 states The collections on Sunday amounted to $44 00 proceeds of the lecture $34.00 The weather was very unfavourable both on Sunday and Monday Our financial showing would be much larger under more favourable circumstances The church and furnishings will cost about $2500.00 The most of the above is provided by bona fide subscriptions The young people of the church and congregation have bought a very fine organ and placed it in the church for the

CHURCH OPENING!

The New Methodist Church of Canada,

AT THE

MOOREHOUSE APPOINTMENT, on the FLORENCE CIRCUIT,

WILL BE OPENED AND DEDICATED ON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, '82.

BY THE

REV. W. F. PARKER, M. A. who will preach at 10:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.
The Rev. JAS. WHITING of Wardsville will preach in the afternoon at 2:30

COLLECTION AT THE CLOSE OF EACH SERVICE IN AID OF TRUST FUND

LECTURE!

ON

MONDAY EVE., NOV. 13th, 1882,

BY THE

Rev. Wm. McDonagh, of Clinton

Subject:—"Cant, in Science and Religion."

Mr. Dawson will deliver the Lecture. The Choir will give some [illegible] from 7 to 7:30

Doors open 6:30 p. m., Lecture to commence at 7:30

ADMISSION 25 Cents.

[illegible] PHILADELPHIA [illegible]

[illegible] at Rahway.]

benefit of the cough question and Sunday School
Reporters: Christian Gardens Reports and
Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society Reports
Young or United Church services Thursday

(Recollections of Walter Moorhouse)
(1881-1967)

In 1900 John Brew was paid £14-00 for being caretaker of this new edifice.

1884, saw the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada dating from 1828 the Bible Christian Church 1832 and the body calling it by the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada together with the mostly constituted Methodist Church of Canada (1874) organically united under the comprehensive title of the Methodist Church of Canada.

Methodist Church in Canada - 1874
FLORENCE CIRCUIT
1875-76 - Ambrose Hunt
1876-77 Walter Preston
1877-80 John Nethanie Jar Livingstone
1880-82 - Thos. Geo. Jas Livingstone
1882-85 - Jas Livingstone A.B. Young.
Geo Awell

METHODIST CHURCH
(Canada Newfoundland Bermuda) - 1883
Preaching in the Florence Council - Williams, Florence
Florence Wells, Crosses, Arkwright
1885-86 John Russell, G Sewell, W.J. Smith
Thos E. Harrison
1886-91 Wm M Pomeroy Daniel E. Martin
John H. Morrison
1891-95 John Reynolds, A. Brown G Derr
Honeycutt Moore, Beattie
1895-96 James E. Hallman, A. Alexander
Wagg J.W. Baird W.J. Ashton
1896-98 John Kennedy J Coulter C Cornish
sulls Wm Conway
1898-1900 Robert C. Barrie C. Morrow
H Kennedy, A W Bridel
1902 1906 Wm McWhirter C Logan
W H Cudney Wright
1906-1907 Thos. Edwin Sawyer C Baker
A Dean A Weiden
1907 1910 Peter Myers B. Mitchell
A Myers F Cash
1910-1912 A Revel Wheeler J Gordon
J Davidson J.E. Jones Robt. B. Cumming
1913-1916 Walter M Kirby J Elliott
Morley Colling A. Page
1916-1918 Joseph James J.W Beacon
A Semble

Walter was the son of Mr and Mrs Robert Moorhouse, born and raised on Lot 16, concession 6 Raglenda.

The Methodist Church that we attended in the 1930's and after was reached by a winding road that followed mostly a creek and a river, a lovely country road but one that in some conditions was when the spring break-up made them almost impassable and the bike gathering bogs. But I cannot recall a single Sunday when the whole family was kept away from church by inclement weather as best could. On a rare occasion the oldest and heaviest would walk the 3 miles. There was a church (Methodist) source less than a mile away just beyond the school, known as Wesley Church but the Shadland Church, first small-lotted on a two-at land given by my great-grandfather was the old family church served by my father-all his life.

Preparation for church service must have been a hectic weekly episode for the family of eleven. To use a hackneyed phrase but apt when drawn on the farm in the dreary time was taken by the breakfast and preparation all under way on Saturday night. There was no mostly ritual of the bath in no cleaning tiled bathroom in the kitchen in a great tub before the kitchen stove a fire of hardwood burning freely and good water was provided from every service to heat the water. All shoes were cleaned and blackened. Impressed and remained if the task reckoned to the small boy had not been carefully done.

There was no luggage bring-a-bowl on Sunday morning in the buses was a load of 40 to 50 or 60 adults resting their horse against stanchions and manger type seats to be fed. A dinner to consume to be utilized the milk to be retained into flat shallow pans in the milk cupboard. The horses in their stalls stable as early as 1 am remember were looked after by my two eldest brothers. There was a flask of oats there were pigs and sheep chores for everyone. And we had to bustle for church service began at 10 o clock each Sunday School

We children were sent off in good time in a democrat with a body kept above the wheels to get to the two mile hour drive at 10 kph as the crow to a pulmian car. Texas a lofty of the road

ory, for the seats were set on the edge of the box so you and were apt to say what time have Buffalo robes were used to wrap about the knees those shaggy hides still in the 1900's poured out of the west, a rank crop from the slaughter for the mid-ed- lited. Right or none of us were regularly pushed into the dominant brain one of the working teams and made our plodding way to church.

In the rural Sunday School thirty or forty children and adults came together weekly. Divided into classes they were scattered here and there about the church. Uniform lessons were used this was Scripture or lesson was studied by the pastor-lee and the grey hands. A four-page leaflet called the Herald Leaf was the chief text of lessons help for the scholars. It contained the Bible text, a list of daily Bible readings, questions on the text and of course the Golden Text, of little use except for memorizing a Bible ticket; the men of greatest talent and prides in color was given to scholars a prized possession as those days the "Heart Text and the teacher's Herald." If I am mistaken Onward was easy to those days respect eagerly awaited from week to week by all its editor Dr. Withrow. When I was beginning to read a little paper of simple diction was put in the hands of my age group. I'm afraid it was a loss. Charged and I remember wishing a continued story would appear in it just as the story of little Lord Fauntleroy was serialized in St. Nicholas. Sure enough, a continued story started right away. It is a Silly Silly!

Of all the teachers in whose feet I sat literally for usually the teacher seated himself on the back of the seat in front of us his feet somewhere on the floor somewhere on the seat right beneath our noses so we leaned forward from our seat to catch his questionings and teachings in the general hub bub of the room. I am of all the Sunday School teachers like one I recall quite early was a young lumber with some education he had attended Bat lions College, but infrequently he got over when both by a question as of the blue as it were an unexpected question that tossed our general knowledge How many feet has a fly? well no time given to catch one of the flies buzzing about and investigate. Occasionally he brought an object to the class to discuss briefly — he always had an attentive group of small boys. As I discovered later he was a man of narrow views but of strict integrity and an ardent advocate of temperance. Years later when cars began to beaten the roads he had some trouble with his car — a flat tire I was helped by a passing trucker and discovered on him "was the trouble of a beer-barrel. The said his face was red a long long time

At 11 o clock, worship service was held. An attendance that time was up for the Sunday School service when growing numbers of adults four persons among them I remember at the back of the church or quietly sliding into their pew. If it happened to stay. The arrival of the minister was the final signal that Sunday School was over. Many of the boys and girls hurried out and home. But the children in our family were expected to remain — in fact it was mandatory. The family pew was a wide pew well forward in the church and accommodated five adults. That was my childhood for a family of eleven (ten always present) and we sipped across the aisle to the outer aisle pew of the church. Here began to become the most memorable move up church from the row of small kiddie descending in order of size from my eldest brother Llewellyn (a towering six feet four) to the youngest whose head did not yet reach the top of the pew. I trimmed in the second row with mamma to the exception of any new or thrown but usually wearing any story or illustration but might be used in my regular examination the best preacher was he who gathered his sermon points with stories those of these I still remember and also recall the text of the first sermon of a young probationer of the year 1906. He took his text from Isaiah 40. In the beginning God — a text that rewarded me four of memory to clung to

After the 11 o clock worship service which usually ran beyond 12 o'clock some of the congregation left for their homes in the country but of the Church for as many of them as were in attended remained for chore-making. There were two or three leaders many of whom were there existing new row of pews as his class and were from members to member and asked how the Lord had dealt with them. Each member would rise in his or her place express gratitude for the way they had been led and had their testimony with some such expressed as "Pray for me Christian friends that I may prove faithful" The little fellows like myself were quizzed but were not altogether bashful. I mean I felt before they could respect some of the testimonies we had for word God for some reason or other seeming in our youthful hearts to be treating those members in the same monotonous way. And there we younger fry were strangely alert when certain

members were testifying. One dear old lady who sat immediately in front of us would shower rare little glimpses out with her head resting against the wall on the top of the wainscotting leaving a permanent record of herself there and in a quivering voice would begin her testimony and gradually but surely she produced subtle smell akin to our inquisitive desire to know what was in the tins that when we placed church at home and sense to the class-meeting part of our exercise our response was usually a smile of a healthy sympathy to produced by my younger brother Reg. who was a born mimic. Indeed my mother considering this lack of respect as reverence came to us stop the act or reprove us but turned away to hide her laughter

By and by there was organised a class for the young fry that remained for class meeting. Perhaps necessity compelled this restlessness surely there was more to it than a bit of liking to have nonchalanced pew. The order had perhaps instigated was a lovely young lady who gathered us into a corner of the church behind the organ where the choir assembled. The class was conducted on the lines of the adult classes we were each asked "to give our experience. Young exhibitionist that I was I so got on the chance with avidity and glibly repeated what some of my elders had said As for personal experience or those inside years I didn't know what it meant Not that I didn't want to be for God and have Him speak to me Clearly I remember here-tofore I hesitate from the front. By post-office, the West pilling up with black fronds, I wished that the Almighty would write Him a approval of me as those black fronds, such as my schoolmaster would chalk a name on the blackboard No sign was given

The class-meetings were enlivened with singing Some one lead off a anguish with a fraternal hymn Sankey & Moody drew up some of the leaders into Hand the hand-book mentioned before He had what was probably a moving baritone voice and on and on he sang one verse did he quick too high or too low as he did off with familiar hymns

There is a fountain filled with blood is terrible like for a child to comprehend or O Beulah Land I pronounced that. O bula the land and wondered if it has any connection with a place of it's place until built it Ardsley knows had the Five

On this terrestrial ball I look that word itself to mean a drawing up and wondered how the fact of the our Methodist hymn Book pertained to the features of the Methodist Discipline that foreboded dancing as a lure of the devil

Sometimes the class meeting was turned into a fellowship meeting with the Minister presiding within the altar rail In this a member would rise and give his experience as he was moved to do so or would break into song unannounced We all were welcomed like the class always a sincere amount many of the members being affiliated with churches when expected to express their experiences before the whole congregation

We would never know about 1 30 of the afternoon. One of the effects of an hour's remained a home A bottle of potatoes peeled and in the pot would be put on the stove to be ready by the time the rest of the family arrived from church In the winter time come chores was eaten Sunday chicken were fodded and water-pails' kept put on, for there were no fat stables to be cleaned out and fresh straw scattered in the stalls and other odd chores to be done so that afternoon was for spend and little time left to rest. As for games on that day 'twas never thought of at least never mentioned And to embalm those Sunday hours of the day when the ole as were done and supper over we all gathered round the great gold stove sitting room table and each with his own Bible in hand we took verse by verse in turn the Bible lesson for next Sunday There was no exposition of it it seemed as if a simple acknowledgment by our paternal of these duty to God and their family

Our church was one of a six-point circuit (six churches) that was served by two men, an ordained minister and a probationer a young man preparing for the ministry and between periods of his ends out on preaching for a three year term of practical training My first recollection of a senior minister was not a happy one. My father rendered families year slip in these early years of my life twice a day read out the Bible consecutively from beginning to end I can't recall reaching the Revelation but the chapters of the Old Testament His prayers were never extemporaneous he always used a prayer book. When a minister called on pastoral visitation the family was brought together as many as were within hailing distance and he led in family worship This particular minister I am referring to was a thin and nervous fellow with a bit whiskers of a rather mendish turn as I remember him He was given the Bible that my father used daily a large leather volume that was beginning to show the wear and tear of

time a broken bell. loose bonnet. The minister beat it from my father with the remark: Rather unholy handling — words to that effect. My parents received the rebuke without reply. One five year-old never forgot it and in his earlier reporting years rereated the injustice of the remark. The only hands that touched the Bible, he knew were the gentle but self-sown hands of his father. Later years brought intolerance and excused the unsanctified need of that part, what intolerance.

From 1896-1915 there were 6 churches on the charge, namely: Firewave (Bridistal Fanaher, Tufts (Hamar), Cullivoe and Bethel (Zion). That is why there are so many supply addresses listed for those years.

After the brick church was built, the old frame church was sold to Andrew Ward, who moved it to the store and used it for a store.

By 1907 $30-00 per year was being paid to J. Ward for holding church services. The average collection in 1906 was $7.77 cents. And Mr. Minto the Lay assistance officer of the church and died in 1931 for $2,000.00 and $150.00 respectively. In 1894 there was talk of putting in a basement. A new stove was purchased and total expenditures for the year reached $69.51.

An addition to the shed was built in 1896 and the first piano built was received.

A piece of land for enlarging the cemetery was purchased from John Deane for $100 in 1897. Money was borrowed to pay the balance on the shed ($145.75). Receipts for the year amounted to $28.00. Expenditures were $251.00 leaving a deficit of $480.75. The next year (1898) an interview was held with the architect regarding a report on costs and plans for building a basement and choir place in Shetland Church. In 1899 the year end deficit of $77.42 was borrowed from the grave yard fund. In 1900 subscription was taken to pay the balance of the parsonage debt. One hundred eighty dollars was borrowed in 1901 and a new furnace was installed. Also J. M. Johnson was paid $72.50 for a gas machine.

From the Recollections of Walter Moorhouse)
(1865-1952)

In the early 90's when I was seven or eight years old a very special event was chronicled in the history of our little church. Tyna an anemometer used for the great purpose of recording rainfall on the top of Canadian Meteorologist Instrument and stored in and got the General Superintendent of the Church, the Moderator, the Pope or is were of Canadian Methodism the virtue Dr Albert Carman. Of course such a dignitary attracted worshippers from afar-in those horse and buggy days and some the of the were in a quandary as they tried to seat the unusual numbers. As a partial solution of their problem the natives picked out all the small boys they could see and there throughout the congregation, herded them in the front and had them sit on the low platform that supported the altar rail and the communion table. A platform no inches high and with about six inches of sitting room between the edge and the altar rail. We occupied the invitation with a good deal of fun and horse. I had no normal taken my seat a little to the right of the pulpit, to look toward where on on a higher platform we were. Two smaller boys on the communion between the spindles of the altar rail and the Manchuria of the communicants. These were upright posts about three inches square. The top board, placed in place, the pieces of a pole about four apart, and one of the pair fitted securely the other was able to the right of the pole so that the one or a inclination to the south would thrust he head between but two attachments the movable one would be pulled over and passed that knee over the other. As I sat that morning on the platform by my one spindles of the altar rail. Also a communicant I a happened to the bad luck to have my head through the spindles in the manner of a new only to discover to my great inconvenience that like the one I couldn't withdraw my head from the pole. I was held a prisoner there I have forgotten but my exercise was effected by a robust woman in the pew in front of us, who restored my predicament and forcibly yanked it out.

But that was not the end of my woes. Dr Carman was a vigorous speaker in a sense that we lowly little fellows in the pew were very well aware before the sermon was over he passed from one to the other of the pulpit to the other to see him and to follow him spelled a couch in the back for every one of an escape the more ineffectual. Besides some nervous affliction I learned in later years had affected some of his facial muscles and as he earnestly preached he could not altogether control the spittle in his mouth and a fine spray was emitted in his more forcible moments. When he turned to my side of the pulpit I was right in line of the spray. Now was

SHETLAND CHURCH CIRCA 1906 — Note double chimneys and L shaped shed, semi-circle window above entrance

there a way of escape grit and beat it was very well accomplished last Sunday morning at the after tea.

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The re-opening services were conducted by the Rev S W Mumberby of Abbinton secretary of Conference on the last Sunday in October Realpte over $70 The trustees have put in a furnace and an acetylene gas plant and thoroughly remodelled the building Shetland has now one of the most attractive country edifices to be found in rural sections and it is gratifying to know that the entire cost of the lighting heating and redecorating (amounted to about $300) has been met by subscription and proceeds of a concert

Richard Laird was pastor in 1904 for a salary of $25 00. He was to keep the temperature at near 70 degrees F as possible. That same year a resolution was passed to remove the acetylene plant from under the church and connect it in corner outside

In 1907 linseed hardware was given a contract for a new church roof and it was decided to put shingles pure on the ceiling. Mr Loosemore of Inwood was to varnish the new wood The window over the front entrance was fixed and Mr Peaks was paid $5.00 to tear down the brick work of the furnace

In the early 2000's, the Methodist families would hold the Thanksgiving The services would include potluck meals, music and prayer and worship sessions. More than one congregation would be involved and the location might be a park fairgrounds picnic grounds or farm

Tent meeting in the early 1940 s

(Reminiscences of Walter Moorhouse)
(1888-1969)

About the turn of the century when I was going to High School and still in my callow teens, Rev Wm McMillan was minister on our circuit. Rev Clark Logan the young man[1]. A few years later Mr. McMillan began what proved a long and distinguished service as Associate Editor of the Christian Guardian with Dr W H Creighton, the editor. He was a hearty man widely read, fine gift of his fluent and an inveterate hater. I recall the first week he and Clark Logan made to our home. They had driven with us. There we were seven unsophisticated boys, healthful grown-up). Innocents led to a barrage of relentless teasing we had throughout the meal. Twas hilarious. Near the end of the meal my brother Reg said I always pray from the table committed on the spread. Some one must have directed the same thought at each of us because without a word between us, we bowed to the dear hears where the horses were stabled and the road vehicles housed. There in front of the horse was the minister young and there my prayers dwelled until reading. To my grandchildren who have been their lives in a motor age and know that the front tires of a car can be changed in the rear the once the front and rear wheels are the same size it must be told that the front wheels of a buggy are smaller than the rear perhaps six inches or a foot less in diameter. For two reasons perhaps the larger rear wheel always rode on heavier load rolls along with less resistance than one smaller in size. Also the smaller front wheel permitted a much narrower turn in the shafts. The minister's buggy they exchanged a tall rear wheel with his opposite larger front, stood back and admired our achievement, a lopsided vehicle nose-down at both ends. We saw in it at once time that the horse was ready and hitched and at the door for the departing ministers, who commanded in for our kind attention in having hitched their horse for them. They got into their rig still laughing and chaffing quite inattentive to everything except their fun. We were told that they and drawn six miles to the parsonage before discovering their sad predicament a little surprised along the way by the bemused expressions of the few parishioners they met.

I was twelve years old when I was asked by the Rev J E. Holmes to join the church. He and called that day at our home and his donner and was preparing to get his horse, attended by three or four of us in the horse stable. There in front of the horse-stable in an excellent mood. I and trapped and and preparing my younger brother on the rear and manner when the minister proposed that I should join the church. I consented but was somewhat humiliated because I wasn't filled with a sort of wild joy after such a decision. I had attended a revival service at which a Free Methodist had walked up and down the aisle in an ecstasy of joy in the acceptance of God shouting in great earnestness and at great length, blessing the joy-ous day she had given her heart to the Lord. Why I never experienced such an ecstasy was a matter of concern to my young and seeking mind.

The envelope system for contributions was adopted at the end of the year 1911, at a cost of $4.50 and in 1912 the church gave $5 00 towards a grant for sidewalks on Shediac. Joseph Bishop, Richard Laird, M Brady, D Moorhouse, J Richardson, P M Budgley and L. Weaver were allotted to perform their stations labour thereon.

In 1914 a piece of land was purchased from Thomas Moorhouse on the north end west of lane square the property with the road and name reasonable allowance for the valley. The north side of the street was rectangled with cedar and were brought were installed. In 1918, the front platform was rebuilt as desired by the circuit and also the same time the church was painted a pastel shade. Scrollwork was put over the windows and the picture at the front was painted. Natural gas lights were installed. The same considerable in 1919 and a gas stove was purchased from Edwin Moorhouse for 8 00

Richard George Bernard in uniform as the Fairmont corset from 1918 1922. Later his son John ministered from February to July 1951

July 1918 FLORENCE, FAIRSHEF, SHETLAND
FLORENCE CIRCUIT (one minister)
19 8 1922 George Barnard
1922-1928 John Baines

In 1925 the Methodist congregations virtually all the Congregational churches and about two-thirds of the Presbyterian congregations joined to become the United Church of Canada. The inaugural service was held in Toronto on June 4 1925.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CARD

Shetland Methodist Church
Pitchfork, N. Yarra
ANNUAL CARD OF MEMBERSHIP
For the Ensuing Year of the Methodist Church, May 1925
Class No.
Quarterly Tickets must be presented at the Vestry or Class Room on or before the Quarterly Meeting in each Quarter, and the Card of Membership must be produced when required.
Rev. Christopher Rudkin, Minister.

The canvas membership card was issued to Jas. B. Dobbyn, by J W Baston for the closing year of the Methodist Church May 1925.

1925-33 Wm Lovegrove
1933-35 Forbes J Rutherford
1935-42 Ben E Gaynor
1942-43 W Ronald Goodger
1943-47 C Wesley Cope
1947-51 A Thrower
1951 (Feb. to July) John Barnard

In 1951 the Florence charge again had 4 churches under its jurisdiction Florence, Fairsher Shetland Huffs Rotherford and Dawn Valley The minister resided at Rotherford

1951-56	W.S. Minor	C Kelly 1956 died In 1956
1956-61	J Douglas Woollatt	K Keller Gertrude Aldenshaul

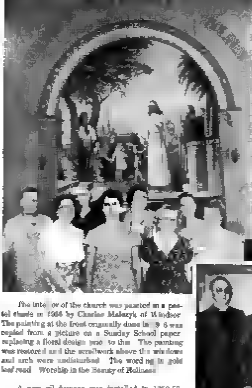
Jake Gesbreck

In 1961 Fairsher church was closed Shetland became part of the Oakdale charge along with Ely a Mills The Fairsher congregation was diverted to Florence Shetland and Rotherell

1961-63	G.R. Trent Clark
1963-66	C E Graham
1966-69	Douglas W Rosel
1969-70	H Lane Douglas
1970-73	John E. Wareham
1973-77	Jake Ge sbreck lay minister
1977-78	Eve Riggs lay minister

The church was redecorated in 1926 and hydro was installed in 1962 by Roland Dobbyn Charlie Bullen and John Aylett

The church shed was well used for several decades not just on Sundays but also during the week. Teamsters coming to the village for grist or groceries would tie their horses up and lurk after their business With the advent of the automobile the shed became obsolete. In 1967 Francis W (Frank) Johnston brought part of the shed moved it to his farm and used it as a hen house In 1981 Gordon Coulter purchased the remaining shed, moved it to the core and used it as a machine repair shop



MURAL RESTORED — *This group of ladies came to view the restored mural at the front of the church in 1955. The work was done by a Polish artist M. Malczyk of Woodview. The painting originally done in 1916 depicts Christ blessing the little children. The wording around the arch is done in gold leaf. Back row left to right: Peggy Sharp, Gertrude Dobbyn, Margaret Moorhouse, Mary Elliott. Front row left to right: Frances Moorhouse, Marion Grey, Lizzie May, Christine Parker.*

The interior of the church was painted in a pastel shade in 1966 by Charles Malczyk of 34 Isobar. The painting at the front originally done in 1916 was copied from a picture on a Sunday School paper replacing a floral design prior to this. The painting was restored and the scrollwork above the window and arch were undisturbed. The word text in gold leaf read: Worship in the Beauty of Holiness.

A new oil furnace was installed in 1966-67. The U.C.W. purchased a new piano for the church and new red hymnals for the choir in 1972. In 1962, the United Church invited the Anglican Church to participate in the compilation of a joint hymnal, so the red hymn book was published in 1971-72.

By 1978, a major renovation project was underway again. The inner tile walls were stripped three-quarter inch styrofoam was put up, then covered

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE, OCTOBER 1978 — Left to right: Guest minister Reverend Lorne Douglas (he also had the honour of cutting the ribbon on the brown 'ninety-1' reading minister Reverend J. Douglas Woollatt, past members who returned for the occasion Mrs. Ree (Elmer) Eastwell, Mrs. Betty (Roy) Dobbyn, Mr. Harold Dobbyn.

with drywall and painted. The washer at the back porch would call it the front, but probably better known as the "leaky" washer was removed and the space bricked in. New carpet was laid in the choir loft, pulpit area and aisles. The side rooms were panelled and the whole front entrance, rooms and stairs were carpeted. New front doors were hung and the building has been kept locked since 1975. The U C W purchased a vacuum to clean the new carpets.

That same year the United Church celebrated its 100th anniversary since union. On Sunday June 8, 1975 a special service was held. Many who attended regularly 50 years ago returned and were presented with a gold corsage or boutonniere.

Three tiny little Shetland girls (left) Jason Elliott, daughter of Norma and Garnet and Wendy Ruth, daughter of Verna and Ron) distributed flowers to the people who were members in 1975

Th[illegible] Sha[illegible] United Church regularly in 1925. Back r[illegible] Horace Dobbyn Florence Russell Gray Florence, Centre Mrs. Agnes (Dobbyn) Young. She and Mrs. Mary Powell McKellar London, Mrs. Kathleen (Dobbyn) Sinclair R R 2 Bothwell, Mrs. Ada (Steavens) Peters Myrtle Mrs Ivy (Stevens) Walker of Bothwell, Mrs. Greve Craigl Smith of Bothwell Mrs. Edna McGillivray Elliott R R 2, Florence Mrs Lorne Gault May R R 2, Florence M e Malpasses (Campbell) Moorhouse R R 2 Florence. Delbert Brewster Alvanston Mrs. Mary (Grey) Elliott R R 2 Florence Front row Mrs. Mu guerite (Bobbyn) Blake and Jon Blake of Shetland M e Lorn (Tully) McAuslan Edy e Mills Clayton Sharp Wardsville.

When controversy thus rolled around in October 1976, the usual lists were posted for cleaning teams. Since there were no indoor washroom facilities at this hall or church, it was deemed necessary that the outhouses be renovated for the occasion. The committee of three designated for the task promptly took the responsibility seriously and so arranged the "Spring Sing". The diligent workers tackled the job from the top by shingling the roof. Of course, every housewife knows that you put a

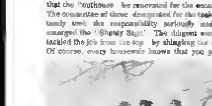


Fig. 9 Right: Helen Fansher and Mary Ross and Florence Johnston putting 8 nights on

double row of asphalt singles along the eave and work your way up to the ridge board with usually matched rows. From on, we had lots of help given by the men folk. It wasn't my fault that the roof wasn't perfectly rectangular and the rows started to shift a bit. A frisky goat was doing a neat job around the air vent, as we covered the ridge board. The privacy fence was painted - not once but twice! The interior was papered and a burlap deep ceiling was installed to keep the heroes closer to the roof. Carpet was laid and a comfortable bench around the back wall. The following report was given at the annual meeting — let cost of paint: Brunswick Brown (no suggestion) 1 gallon $14.75 generously donated by Helen Frangley 2nd coat of paint - 40 cedalite brown generously donated similar 1 gallon located at Edella Rose workshop (had been kept for 2 years). 5 different shades of asphalt shingles and nails donated by Hilton Bros. Roy Johnston and Walter Ross dry carpenter wallpaper contributed by Beaulieu Motorhome carpet, staples, work hook and Cleanrun (roofing material) from Mary Ross' welcome shower, while paint and turpentine kits from Helen Fansher: needle thread and plastic bag from Agnes Thorpe (The seamstresses also subscribed and cut the dress calling too short a one only)

Financial Report: Shingles (for siding) $6.29 1 paper holders (1 left handed 1 right handed) 61.40 Colour co-ordinated toilet tissue -49- candle-ring-wreath .87 Total $7.11

We appreciate the generous support afforded us by so many local citizens. Regretfully we wish to inform you that we cannot take on any more such jobs in the near future. We have surprised ourselves! We recommend to the board of trustees that lightning rods and eavestroughs be installed as soon as possible and that consideration should be given to updating the insurance coverage.

Signed: The Committee: Helen Fansher
Florence Johnston
Mary Ross

By May 1978, a new church had been built at Ely's Mills and Reverend Alexis Nourbesse had recently completed an extremely busy year as President of the London Conference. At that particular time there seemed to be a high feeling of dissension and disillusionment within the 5 pulpit charge. With a rallying objective in mind, Mr. and Mrs A.C. Moore

hours agreed at take on the ministerial duties of the Oakdale Pastoral charge and did so with no salary being paid for 3 years. However the financial objective across the charge was to remain the same and the money set as do in a capital fund for a new church project.

In 1979, it was decided to sell the manse at Oakdale and a new manse was built not long to the west. With a tremendous amount of voluntary labour, excellent co-operation among the three congregations and the good-will of the Moorhouses, the new manse was officially dedicated in August 1981 with no debt owing. Since that time the basement has been completed again with much voluntary labour.

THE NEW MANSE AT OAKDALE

Reverend A.E. Moorhouse Anson's father and his mother Minerva (Farrell) were born in the Shetland community. Although Anson was born in Stockholm, he was his mother decided that he should

and Mr. A.C. Moorhouse

receive his first church service as a baby at Shetland in 1908. She also said, "he behaved like a perfect little gentleman." Like his father and uncle before him, Anson entered the ministry and was ordained in 1935. Hurriedly working in the national offices of the United Church of Canada, as director of Berkeley Studio. In 1971 he was given an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Victoria University, Toronto, for his contributions to the church. By Moorhouse returned the Shetland area for his retirement. built a new home on Ignace Road (River Road) and moved in October 1973. September 1974 he married Bickie (Hamlin) Smith a colleague in Berkeley Studio.

This year 1985 marks a milestone. 50 years in the ministry. An Open House is planned for Sunday June 2 at Shetland hall to honour Mr. Moorhouse a Jubilarian on this special occasion.

In September 1981 Reverend Eric Hudson was ordained as minister of the Oakdale charge. Coming to Shetland from the Bancroft Carlow pastoral charge, the Hudsons were the first family to occupy the new manse.

The family immigrated to Canada from England in 1974 bringing with them a high music profile both vocal and instrumental as to interest and a calibre of faith.

Since Reverend Hudson held Ministry Supervision qualifications two student ministers spent summer internships on the Oakdale charge. In 1982 David Murata a Japanese-Canadian stud-

dent from Toronto, spent 4 busy months participating in numerous activities – visiting the shut-ins in homes and hospital, supervising Youth group bus trips and money-raising projects, coordinating summer church services, interacting fervently in Religion class, attending Bible study sessions, & making Japanese culinary arts playing football and attending Junior Forum meetings, while riding Russell Elliott's motorcycle for transportation and living with Betty and Hugh Leeson.

In 1983, Kathy and George Addison and 3 sons spent 4 months on the charge in the same capacity. Into the pastoral charge under the direction of a Student Support Committee, provided a fully furnished home in Town, complete to linens and the U.C.W. stocked the cupboards and was generous with food. Both students felt they had gleaned a good overall view of a rural ministry and had learned a great deal working with Eric as a teacher friend and colleague.

During 1984-85, Eric was chairman of Lambton Presbytery and also on the executive of London Conference.

A major project begun in 1984 and completed in 1986 has been the building of an 80 x 32 foot addition to the church. For the past 15 years, manitea has been made each year about a second door, in accord with fire regulations. Here there is a fire escape door and a lovely room, which can be used as a nursery and choir room. Formal use of New Hall was the anniversary and Mayor Reid of Oakville did the honours. Total cost with all about $21 000.00 spent.

During the past four years the pastoral charge has continued to grow numerically financially and spiritually as Eric has compassionately assisted the needy in times of despair sickness and sorrow rejoiced in the good times and humorously related anecdotes on English accents, customs and hobbies.

Eric Jackson is leaving the Oakdale charge on June to continue his ministry in Petrolia.

Reverend Timothy Bayfield, as ordained at Toronto will begin his ministry in July on the Oakdale charge

ELDERS – 1985 — Back row, left to right Cecil Yancy, Robert Tinney, Stan McAuslan Andrew Macdonald, Fred Fowler. Front row, l. to right Mrs. Mary Elliott, Mrs. Marion Mundling, Edmund Bulkley was absent when the picture was taken.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Back row, left to right J.m. Sharp, Lewis Moorhouse, Gordon Fenske Alex Elliott. Front row, l. to right Margaret Ann Wright, Mary Jane Lambracht, Catherine Osborne. Absent when picture was taken. Ron Sharp and Lloyd May.

Shetland Cemetery

The first church at Shetland was built in 1858, but there is no record of a deed being given for the church land until September 6 1858. Then for a consideration of ten pounds Thomas Moorhouse conveyed to the Trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada a Chapel and Burying Ground in the Township of Esphemina one acre of land for a church and cemetery on part of Lot 25 concession 2. The deed was witnessed by Samuel Ward and John Moorhouse.

The cemetery was divided into lots 8 by 10 feet the half lots 8 by 5 feet. At this time there was no charge for burial plots

The minutes for the annual meeting in 1878 record a grant put in the graveyard at a cost of $4.00. In 1879 John Brow offered a piece of land 20 feet on the east 100 feet to the west and 20 feet wide on the west end. The extra acreage allowed room for a church shed 100 feet by 20 feet, to be built, north of the church

In 1890 John Ward was appointed caretaker when plots cost $5.00 for a full lot and $3.00 for a half lot. In 1893 a piece of land was purchased from J. Brow for $100.00 as an addition to the cemetery By 1894 plot prices had increased to $6.25 and $3.50 respectively and John Ward was to be paid 50 cents commission for selling the and looking after the same

In 1897 another piece of land was purchased from Mr Brow for $100.00 for enlarging the cemetery

SHETLAND CEMETERY BOARD — Front row, left to right: Roland Bobbyn, Donald Elliott, Sam Hetherden, Cecil Tenney. Back row left to right: Russell Elliott, Owen Baldwin, Allan Grey, Tom Elliott. Absent when picture was taken: Ted Sharp, Asa Bolton, Roy Moorhouse, Robert Tenney.

In 1991 plots cost $6.00 for non members and $5.50 for organizational members. In the 1907 minutes the trustees are recorded to have vetoed their chairman in the bringing of a corpse into the church before burial and advise that interment take place before the memorial service.

In 1914 an offer of Mr. Thomas Moorhouse was accepted to exchange the S.E. corner including the valley of the creek for a piece of land on the north and west sides to square the property with the road. The rate to be $ 00 per acre and a reasonable allowance made for the valley. It is the part now known as sections C ,D. In 1915, lots were put in the cemetery and the sum were paid $2.00 per day.

By 1930, the cemetery was looking quite ragged, so the adult Sunday School class arranged bees to dig here and repair the whole area. A caretaker was hired, as since then the plot owners haven't been responsible for the upkeep.

In 1939, C section was laid out and the price changed to $30.50 per lot. By the 50 feet. The caretaker received $30.10 for mowing the grass.

In 1965 the Department of Consumer and Commercial Affairs advised the board that they would have to set aside a minimum of 50 cents per square foot of each grave sold as a perpetual care fund.

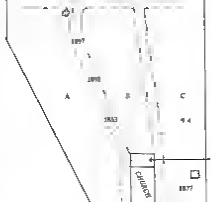
Three quarters of an acre of land was purchased from Douglas Bobbyn in 1968 and is now known as Section D.

The Department of Consumer and Commercial Affairs advised the board in 1982, that they would have to charge a minimum of $50.00 per grave for perpetual care. As a result, the price of a grave rose to $50.00 and remains the same today (March 1985).

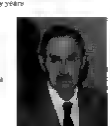
In 1984 the caretaker received $1250.00 for mowing the grass.

The Cemetery Board holds an annual meeting each year and other meetings, if necessary to discuss business during the year. A couple of work sessions are usually held during the year. These are organized by the board, with many community volunteers assisting.

One devoted board member, Roland Bobbyn has held the position of secretary-treasurer for more than thirty years.



Map of Shetland Cemetery



Roland Bobbyn

Memorials

Brass Vase — in memory of her mother Laura Ethel Bolsby Turnbaugh. Born January 1886 in Scotland died October 1927 daughter of Wm. R. Bolsby. Presented by Laura Samuel.

When Faulder church closed in 1961 several items were donated to Stanhope. These included a hymn board in memory of Cliff Kelly a student minister from 1964-66 a silver communion bread plate purchased with funds from the following names: Mrs. (Nettie) Thorpe Ralston, John Veal, Wm. J. Davis and Harvey J. Davis a silver baptismal bowl in memory of Mr and Mrs. Hector C. Walker and a communion tray

Communion Table — in memory of Stanley S. Matchinett and Margaret Evelyn (Durfee) presented by Eric Matchinett

Brass Cross — in loving memory of Peter Peake 1880-1916 and Henrietta Wood 1899-1912 donated by Mrs. G. Stafford Peake in 1976 also Brass Candle Sticks donated in 1980

After the war when 1945 the Craig family donated a large pulpit Bible to the church. In 1968 the Bible mysteriously disappeared. It was replaced in 1969 by the Craig family in memory of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Craig and their son Henry who died in the war. This Bible is used at the present time (1984)

A public address system was installed in December 1976. It included outlets for connection with tape recorders for the recording of services and sermons for an overflow congregation. This was a gift of the Matchinett and May families in memory of Alice Meacheson who was concerned with and involved in Christian education at Kew Beach United Church, Toronto and a friend May who came to Canada in 1906 living and working in the Stanhope area and a church member till his death in 1981

The Sunday School donated a War Memorial Plaque in memory of the men who died in World War I 1914-1918

In November 1978 a Wooden Plaque was presented containing the Honour Roll 1939-1945 listing the women and men who served in World War II

Unveiling Honour Roll plaque left to right Glen Elliott, Reverend A C Moorhouse Mrs. Helen (Frost) Fletcher Jane Sarsak guest from Florence The names on the plaque are:

George Stanley Bolton R C A F
Clayton Alexander Bolton Army
Howard Vincent Craig Army
Russell Carl Ellis R C A F
Hart Raymond Craig R C N Halifax
Lloyd Russell May R C A F
John Ronald Smith Army
Harold Harrison Bolton Army
Charles Silver Brewster Army
Chas Thomas Clark R C A F
Robert Stratton May Army
James Hazel May R C A F
Harold Everitt Robinson Army
David Russell Ross Army
Charles Leslie Murray Army Chappie
Thomas Robert Ellis R C N
William J. Herrod Army
Thomas Alexander Meacheson R C A F
Arish Aboyden Smith Army
Roy Eaton Vanalstine Army

(Back is a title

In April 1976 Mrs Marion Gray and her family Mrs Margaret Bodker Mrs Maisie McDonald, Alan and Allan donated a lighting system which focuses on the large painting behind the altar in memory of Duncan Alexander Gray. That same day Mrs Eunice Fernehll and her sister Mrs Phyllis McCreary donated the new white and gold pulpit drape and communion table scarf in memory of their parents Douglas Alexander and Bertha Reynardi Bodger and their brother Alexander Reynardi Bodger.

In 1976, a memorial fund was set up. Mrs. Marion (Ernnakt) Elliott donated a pedestal lectern which came from the McClintock family home and a book was purchased to record the names of those who have had funds donated to the church in their memory. The fund is presently administered by Mrs Helen (Fred) Fraser secretary-treasurer. A plaque a hymn book and a pedestal books have been purchased and it is hoped an organ can be realized in the future.

In 978 when the ring was removed from the hall, the brass lamp was found. It was refurbished and is now hanging in the north west corner of the sanctuary. It was probably in use until about 1960.

In 1971 the United Church Women purchased a Canadian flag to stand beside the Christian flag at the front of the church

Interior of the church — Past and Present

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS
South side of church, from to west

a loving memory of John Henry Powell and his wife Ellen Theresa erected by the family 1949

Presented by the Women's Auxiliary 1952

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Reverend Clayton Moorhouse 1871 1940 and Reverend Anson Moorhouse 1871 1965 erected 1967

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Nathan and Emma Moorhouse (Grandparents) Harry and Ila Moorhouse (Parents) by daughters Marion and Pauline 1977

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS
North side of church from to back

In memory of [illegible] Moo[illegible]house 2 644 and his beloved wife Jane Hopkirk 1783 1869 erected 1953

A Memor[illegible] [illegible]sh[illegible] [illegible]omb, [illegible]cred [illegible]9th [illegible]1870 and his wife Mariah Bolter 1799-1869 erected 1954

In [illegible] [illegible]ory of Mauley Stafford Moorhouse 1879-1943 and his wife Margaret Evelyn Burton 1889-1924

In loving m[illegible]mory of Ian Harris Sudgen 1878 1953 Sarah Jane Sudgen 1878 1955 erected 1977

3 — Church Organizations

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The original name of the first women's group was Women's Missionary Society of the Scotland Methodist Church which was founded on May 28 1890. Charter officers were: President Mrs Alex. Dobbyn Vice-President Mrs Robert Moorhouse 2nd Vice-President Mrs Thomas Bain, Corresponding Secretary Miss Edith Dobbyn Treasurer Mrs Alex Auld.

The group was organized by Mrs Scatchard There were 15 members and they raised funds from teas, quilting quilt till 25 and mite boxes On December 1 1893 a box was packed to be sent to North Bay

In 1899, Mrs Geiss was convenor for The New Outlook. This was an early church magazine which preceded the present day Observer

It is interesting to note that the Christian Guardian mentioned in the early church history had the beginning as a Methodist Church paper in 1829 In 1925 all Church unions the Christian Guardian the Canadian Congregationalist and the Presbyterian Witness joined under the name New Outlook This paper was printed until 1962 when the name was changed to United Church Observer

The mission work in the branch secretary that year was $66.75 and a bale was sent to J Weldon, Morley Alberta to be distributed at the McDougall Orphanage.

Projects for 1900 are outlined as follows: Easter Thankoffering used for India Relief Fund Sale of goods sent to Edmonton Manitoba aid support of a Bible woman in Shimshal Money was raised by collecting used stamps 106 were quilts and mite boxes

In 1905 there were 18 enamel members Mrs Cochrane was appointed as superintendent of Systematic Giving and 6 bale were sent to Saveoval St Pauls Mackenzie, Ontario A bale of goods was sent to Mossejo In 1906 and in 1907 one hundred pieces spoons and cups were purchased for children's use Funds from a garden party were used to pay for them

Money raised for the year ending in May 1907 was $89.76 and a bale valued at $35 was packed on December and sent to Bethune The study book for 1908 was Story of the Years and in 1910 this 60 supported a child at the Jessie Ford Orphanage while $31 supplied a cot in the Chengtu Hospital The King's Business was studied In 1913 and a total of $131.00 was sent to the Branch. Membership increased and by 1916 there were 30 members and $156.00 sent to the Branch treasurer.

In 1917 and 1920 bales were sent to White Fish Lake also a barrel of fruit, food and bedding was sent to the Deaconess Home in Toronto For the years 1921 1924 the treasurer to the Branch Treasurer dropped to about $100.00 or a bit less. Taylor medical were Canada's Share in the World Task Building a Nation and Pioneers Extraordinary

In April 1926 the last meeting of the W M S. of the Methodist Church was held $151.00 was sent to the Branch Treasurer and the organization became the W M S (Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada)

SHETLAND KITCHEN CABINET BAND — Back row: Mrs. Charles Stevens, Mrs. Edwin Moorhouse, Mrs. John Powell, Mrs. Jim Dobbyn. Second: Mrs. George Brownlee, Mrs. Thomas Moorhouse, Marguerite Dobbyn, Mrs. George Palmer, Mrs. Edgar Browning.

LADIES AID GROUP

Officers in 1980 included President Mrs A Bobbys Vice-President — Mrs J D Bobbys Recording Secretary Mrs C Stevens Correspondng Secretary Mrs T.H Moorhouse, Treasurer Miss Elva Jolmstpn There were 20 members at this time

From 1925-1931 members averaged 14 and remittances for Mission and Service averaged $180 00 From 1936-1945 members averaged 18 and remittances averaged $213.81. There were 4 life members

From 1946-1961 members averaged 20 and remittances averaged $180 00. There were 7 life members by then.

In 1961 the Women s Missionary Society became U C W (United Church Women) Officers at last time reported Mrs J Gray V-ce-President Mrs. E Dobbys Secretary Mrs T Elliott Treasurer Mrs. B. Elliott

From 1962-1972, members averaged 20 and remittances averaged $174.00

From 1972 on, the number of members has remained fairly constant and the allocation has increased steadily from $200 00 in 1972 to $600.00 in 1984.

Highlights of the 1976 activities included quilting a Lone Star quilt at the Dugdee Steam Threshers Show a garage sale June 5 and the realizing a profit of $882.00 and a session at the hall to make Christmas decorations. Several individuals or groups decided to have personal projects to make money to be used to renovate the hall One such group Mrs. Ray Mendelsohn Mrs Fred Fancher and Mrs Lloyd May decorated bread for table centres, baskets and plaques. These were sold and profits of $700 00 donated to the hall fund

In 1979, a glass collection amounted to $84.00 Hostl notes, with the picture of the church on them were sold and Shetland Postal Stock books proceeds were $780.45. Guest speakers for a Resource Centre Program were Bonnie Chester and Marjorie Banks. Miss Susan Bulmer was also a guest speaker from Sarnia Centre for children with Dr. E. McClure was a guest for an Outside wedding and Oakdale's centennial speaker on May 30 1979.

A Bible Study Group was organized in January 1978 to be held on Wednesday mornings at 9:30.

A new project for 1980 was visitation and donation of baskets to the local Babcock Homes and Beattie Haven This was undertaken by U C W and Institute members on the special Sunday of each month with Mrs John Neville in charge

Glass collection amounted to $107.00 more silverware was purchased for the hall and Mrs. Annis May celebrated her 90th birthday Personal projects included Mrs Jessie (Owen) Bobbys a handmade Easter eggs Mrs Varna Ross R ch s

Mrs. A C. Moorhouse presents Life Membership to three U C W members in March 1977 Mrs Marguerite (Jas.) Blake Mrs. Agnes (Cecil) Tinney, Mrs. Lisle (Alfred) May

Peppermint Party and Mrs. Jean Norwood Hiatt's organ recital by Mr. George Hatch of Chatham. A flea market and garage sale was held November 1 new bowls and hair baskets were purchased for the hall and new fabric Christmas decorations were made for the hall Christmas tree

The original brass lamp used in the church at the time of the sanctuary was restored and hung in 1981 Reception day was held at the cemetery on August 9 New floor coverings for kitchen and entry way was discussed and the new means was nearing completion A guest speaker for Marjorie Hilton's April meeting was Mrs Marianne Adams of Saint Lambert's Home Care Program.

A Japanese cooking contest was coordinated by Berni Mizuta, a Japanese student minister who spent 3 months on the charge Harold donated $25.00 to the hall fund and it was used to purchase a small coffee percolator.

Each month has its own theme and Rose Mumma are visited Each environment be form of a sing song is conducted with Mrs Marion (Fred) Fan sler at the piano and Lloyd and Marion Moulding leading the singing.

A guest speaker from the Scouts, Lambton Centre for Children and Youth was Mrs. Mildred Sharp. The hall entry and bathrooms were carpeted, a new refrigerator was purchased, new stereo were planted in front of the church and new chairs for the Sunday school were paid for. Net returns from catering a pot luck supper, garage sale Shortland Picnic booth, glass collection and sale of hamburgers amounted to $6824.12.

The U C W helped support the Youth Group Family Weekend by donating $155.00, the hall was carpeted for pool tables and a cupboard built for storing the various etc. The hall floor was refurbished, new curtains were put on the piano, three new kitchen windows were installed for better circulation and the kitchen ceiling was painted. Entertainment included the purchase of 35 hall chairs, 2 card tables and 1 refreshment table. A guest speaker was Mr. McIlwraith of Glencoe who talked about the Grand Century Group History. As at December 1980, the number date was changed to the first Tuesday of each month. The average attendance at meetings was 12 and the conference and allocation was settled. There were 10 banquets catered, a glass collection, donations from funeral luncheons, proceeds from Shortland Picnic, bottle sale at thanksgiving amounting to $6761.80

In 1984 bulletin boards were purchased for the hall and church a quilt was donated to the Lambton United Church Centre for their July sale and church plates were ordered. The Youth group was given $650.00 for their year's budget

The new addition was completed in the church and is presently used for a Nursery class during services Carpeting and lighting were looked after by Mrs. Gwen Bolsby and Mrs Russell Elliott. Programs included Women's Roll in the Life of Jesus speaker Lorraine Gill on colours and seasons speaker Mrs Victor Ross on Cuba, discussion on hardening of the arteries, explanation on gift giving bible study Has Jesus Image Changed? Under missions it was decided to adopt Rick and Janice (Wolfe) Potter (Mr. Cecil Turner's granddaughter) who have gone to New Guinea as missionaries for three years A monthly letter is written to the couple and monthly collection and birthday box money is placed in a special fund for them when they return.

A Pow Wow luncheon netted $250.00 with

half the proceeds going to the Institute

A painting of the church done by Olive D. Muller was donated by Mrs. Grace (Harold) Dobbyn, a former member and pianist of the local church. Net receipts from all projects and activities including donations amounted to $7,389.04. Altogether $17,432.56 was paid out for congregational expenses by Godwood U C W members

Serving a banquet as was performed by the ladies about. The teenagers act as waitresses and the men pitch in to serve tea and coffee and wash dishes. There is great community spirit and fellowship especially when community residents from other parts who enjoy these attendance too

The 1969 program is well under way. Four electric lawn and other kitchen equipment has been purchased. $100 has been donated for the C.G.I.T camping trip, Brooks-Eastshillen U.C.W. gave a demonstration on anti-pornography at a meeting here among women. Correspondence between the U C W conveners at St. Paul's Church, Sarnia and hostesses are being planned for the July 14, one hundred fifty-one calls received.

THE LADIES AID OR WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The exact date and year of founding of the W A. at Scotland Methodist Church is not available but it is thought to be about 1918 during World War I. The church needed redecorating and since money was scarce at that time the W.A was formed to raise money to meet those needs

Some of the charter officers and members were Mrs. Milton Moorhouse Mrs John Wil liams Mrs Charles Stevens, Mrs. Henry Johnston Mrs George George Mrs Tom Johnston Mrs Joseph Bobbyn Mrs James Dobbyn Mrs George Bowman Mrs Jas Dobbyn Mrs Levi Bagley Mrs John Powell Mrs Clayton Sharp Mrs Edwin Moorhouse Miss Lettie Powell Miss Rita Johnston Miss T.M Moorhouse

It was the duty of the W.A to keep the church and hall decorated and pay hydro bills The group and a family booth at Shetland picnic each year The booth in the olden days was rather crude, consisting of a few boards nailed from tree to tree Many a wet year found rain water gushing into delicious pies for there was no roof The butter and milk were kept cool by placing a cake of ice in a wash tub and putting the food on top of it to keep it cold

Then, there was the big church supper held each fall following the church anniversary, with a like program after the meal. Each member would bring two or three cooked chickens stuffed with dressing and two or three delicious pies and all the fixings The gala affair was held in the hall basement with no party facilities whatsoever not even water However they managed quite nicely Of course there would always be a house cleaning bee to get things ready for the big occasion This was while anniversary meant attending two services and overflow crowds were required to sit on chairs placed out in the front upstairs hall. The support were discontinued about 1941 during war time

The W.A., was never too widely organized The W M.S. took the lead and in later years the two groups worked together Remaining presidents and holding joint meetings, finally amalgamating in 1948.

In January 1962 the Women's Association and the Women's Missionary Society united as United Church Women community known as U C W

THERESA POWELL MISSION CIRCLE

On May 17 1940 the Mission Circle met for the first time at the home of Mrs Douglas Dobbyn Aberfeldy Mrs Audrey Oldham enrolled the officers and Mrs Proctor and Mrs Milliken explained the facts and work to be carried out by the organization There were 11 members Aberfeldy President Mrs Alfred May President Mrs Preston Gray Vice-President Mrs Charles Dorh Recording Secretary Mrs Glenn Pudsey Corresponding Secretary Miss Mildred Bullas Treasurer Miss Even Spearman Supply Secretary Miss Hazel May Community Friendship Miss Ina Smith Temperance and Citizenship Mrs Jessie Moorhouse Stewardship and Finance Miss Hester Gibson Missionary and Watch Tower Mrs. Charles Graham Press Secretary Miss Betty Dodge Literature Miss Lois Sin th Pianist Miss Lois Smith and Miss Even Spearman

As attendance grew it became the Evening Auxiliary in 1946 and in 1949 joined the W M S

The projects of the group included : knitting and sewing articles for relief. They held teas and had special speakers. They made jig-saw puzzles and scrap books. Mrs. Charles Reeves donated a quilt to Mrs. C. Stevens and Mrs. B. Brownlee donated flour sacks for lining and it was quilted at Mrs. Duncan Gray's. Funds were raised from Thank Offerings, loose envelopes, teas and suppers.

AYWORTH LEAGUE

Ayworth, a village in north-east Lincolnshire England is the birthplace of John and Charles Wesley who wrote many of the hymns we sing. The Epworth League was an International Methodist Youth Organization at the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries. The organization was first founded in 1889 within Methodist Churches of America because of a need to provide a more definite church life for and with young people. In 1909 the General Sunday School Board of the Methodist Church in Canada pursued the same plan. Its fivefold pattern was spiritual and devotional, educational, service, missionary, research and social activities intended for the young people of congregations whether members of Sunday Schools or not. The motto was: "Look up. Lift up."

Y.P.U. 1939 — Back row left to right: Donald Smith, Lloyd Bilton, Carrie Sharp, Tom Elliott Cameron Hay, Henry Craig. Front row left to right: Alex Moorhouse Jack Sharp, Archie Smith.

YOUTH GROUP 1971 — Back row - left to right: Gordon Fancher Joy Moorhouse, Craig Moorhouse Wendy Fancher Mrs. McClure Christine Elliott Scott Elliott Elizabeth Elliott, Michelle Tolbert. Front row, left to right: Ken Krebs, Terry Acton, Br. McClure, Mary Jane Elliott, Norman McClanton.

The first young people's group was organized by Reverend J. Holmes on April, 1906. They named it the Shetland Epworth League. The first president was Miss Theresa Rebbyn and the first secretary Miss Minnie Sewell. These meetings were held by young and old alike.

In 1917-18 the Young People had a hockey team and played against an Moravian team in an outdoor rink. In 1929 under the guidance of Rev. Gaynor they formed a ball team and even had matches with the rest of it.

During Rev. Gaynor's ministry the group from three churches Shetland Fancher and Florence had approximately 65 members. They put on plays religious dramas and conducted church services.

Over the years, there has been a Young People's Group of some description; some more so- here than others. In 1965 the name Young Peoples was changed to Youth Group. Jake Geisbrecht conducted regular meetings with the Youth from the three churches from 1967-1977. Mrs A.C. (Hulda) Moorhouse led a group within the Shetland church

PROGRAMME

MORNING SESSION

7 M—Song and Praise, led by Rev Clark
7.20—Address by Rev Joseph Cook Ph D.
8.—Address—Circuit Leaders
8.10—Music—Chorus and Orchestra
8.15—Topic—"Temperance and the Church" Mr Wallace Mackenzie
9.30 Open Conference
9.40—Music—Florence League
9.45—Address—Rev R. D. Hamilton.
9.50—Singing
Collection Benediction

Remember the collection the net proceeds of the anniversary go to Rev F. Kenning the representative of the British on the Mission Field.

League Presidents and leader, Pastor compose the branch committee

Visitors are welcome

THE
Annual Convention
OF THE
Epworth Leagues,
OF THE
Florence Circuit
Will Convene In The
Methodist Church Florence,
ON
Monday, May 8th '33
Sunday 30th will be League Day at all the appointments.

Rev Jos. Cook Ph D. of Wallace here to preach a Sunday Sermon and Lesson.

Rev J. W. Hibbert of Newbury will preach at North Creek and Bethel

H. Fraser, Miss M. Sime,
Pres. Centre East Secretary

This convention program shows that each of the six churches on the Florence Circuit under the ministry of Reverend W. McMillan had a League group.

PROGRAMME

MORNING SESSION

11 M.—Devotional Exercises, led by Rev W. McMillan.
11.15.—Topic—"Social Work, as Range and Effect."—Miss Annie Fedder
11.45—Discussion led by Messrs W. P. Fordee and Nick Isaacson
12.35—Hymn No. 488.
Collection. Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2 p.m. Devotional Exercises, led by Mr Jos Wood
2.10 All join—Rev R. D Hamilton
2.15.—Music—Faraday League.
2.20.—Topic—"The League's Addition to the Needs of the Day"—Miss Mary Dove
1.40—Discussion, led by Messrs F. Childs and Percy Sandison
Leaders each of 10 to review.
2.55—Music—Bethel League.
3.20—Debate Resolved—"That the Aid Societies Rendered Greater Help to Humanity than do the Epworth Leagues." Affirmative—Mr A. E. Fowell Mrs. R. Wood and Miss Ethel Sinclair. Negative—Miss W. Dobbyne, Mrs. Jabez Sinclair Mr Milton Mackenzie.
4.35.—Music—Mill's League.
Collection
Hymn No 488. Benediction

from 1877-1951 more as a senior Sunday school class). Reverend and Mrs. Sherwood spoke to the group, about their experiences in Hong Kong and when Dr. McClure past moderator of the United Church was at the area he spoke to the group, answering questions about his missionary work.

For the past three years the attendance at Youth Group meetings has ranged between 25-40 under the direction of Reverend Eric Hudson. Bible study and fellowship hour has centered on Bible verses, a study called "How to be a Christian Without being Religious" and in 1954, the theme was "Things Activities included swimming, bowling, baseball, curling, wiener and marshmallow roasts, skating, jogging, volleyball, campfires and sing songs, and Youth Rallys, one in Thedford and one in Strmin. In 1952, eleven hundred dollars was raised from a pop-a-thon. Three members of the group went to the Lambton United Church Centre and one quarter to the Ministry of Personal and Education Funds part of its role is to support the student ministerial body. Money was also raised at a Variety Night and a bike-a-thon. In 1954 a car wash raised $750.00, a Christmas Nativity scene portrayed Jesus Christ and the movie "The Missing Place" was viewed. The summer camp weekend was held at Rock Glen and enjoyed by all who attended. The winter camp - a more serious get together was held at the United Church Centre, where 60-90 young people and leaders joined in renewing their faith in God

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP — Front Row left to right John Faucher, Norman Thompson, Russell Elliott, Martin Smith Dave Bolton Second row left to right Verna Dickson, Mary Louise Fincher Ron Bolton, Rev. Jim Cormie Iva Corbett Barbara Maynard, Pauline Moorhouse Third row, left to right Irene Paddick, Inez Smith, Lorella Robson Jean Walker unknown Laura Thompson Maria Walker Mildred Bolton Fourth row left to right Lloyd Bilton Tom Elliott, Lloyd Dickson Jack Hand Cormie Sharp Andy Thompson, Fred Lerum Jack Sharp, Munson Corbett Donald Smith, Fifth row left to right Lloyd Thompson Lionel Jones Archie Smith, Cameron Hoy Charlie Bark, John Maynard, Harry Craig, Alex Mowbray, Bert Hoy Lloyd Hoy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sabbath schools as they were called then, were mentioned in the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society reports in 1840-1850 so have been in existence since the first churches were built. Walter Moorhouse aptly described the classes he attended as a boy. Classes were held for all ages from Beginners to Adults.

The Sunday School Picnic was the big event of the year; often meaning a trip to a nearby lake or park.

In 1976, a project was undertaken by Sunday School pupils in Shetland and these children attending school in Icing King where Reverend and Mrs Garnet Sherwood were living and teaching. The pupils exchanged tapes recordings, map sheets, drawings and letters in order to acquaint themselves with life in each country.

The Sunday school in Hong Kong ran three

In 1977 a large group of Sunday School pupils took part in a White Gift service, organised by Dr and Mrs. A.C. Moorhouse. Christmas customs in many lands were portrayed and a candle lighting ceremony held. The money given in White Gift envelopes was sent to Rev. Garnet Sherwood in Hong Kong to further their missionary work there. With the Moorhouses are left to right back row: Bonnie Cowell, Barry Elliott, Mandy Rich, Bradley Ross, Janet Elliott. Front, left to right: William Gray, Janice Elliott, Ann Lawson, Jimmy Rich, Greg Ratcliffe.

THE SHETLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC
(the bathing suits depict the era)

year olds in the nursery to the pre-teens in the intermediate class in the Collins Hour following church for those 14 +.

The current commitment and dedicated usage of the theatres this session and better have made the Sunday school a vital part of the Shetland United Church congregation. The younger children anticipate taking part in lively celebrations such as Mother's Day, White Gift Services and Christmas festivities.

Special Mission Sundays help the children understand more about the Church's work in other parts of God's world when they bring their money gifts in. Most on house Mrs. Dickie Moorhouse is presently in charge of sessions and the young people's mission panels are Rick and Jan Tinker and their children Jeffrey and Sara. They are of interest to Shetland folk because Janice is a granddaughter of Cecil Tinney. They are working in Papua New Guinea, and the Sunday school pupils here have been exchanging letters and pictures with pupils there.

The new add tion on the church provides a nursery room for the newest members of the congregation. Margaret Ann Wright is in charge and little ones are welcomed by volunteers.

The Sunday school picnic in the park consists games and 'meet your own' wieners and marshmallows provide another experience in living in God's world.

There are presently 19 dedicated persons in charge of music and teaching, with some on part time assistants.

Another generation of Sunday school pupils — back: left to right — Nellie Meier, Libby Meier Shannon Bolton, Patsy Elkin, Darlene Oshyn, Front: left to right Patsy Burk Neil Mainsbey, Linda Dobbyn, Stuart Sharp holding Ron Sharp, Catherine Elliott, Robert Elliott, Sue Anne Elliott, Julie Bolton.

Martha and Pauline Masterson and Old Jim the Horse ready to leave for Sunday School.

SHETLAND LITERARY CLUB

While Reverend John Bolton was ministering at Shetland a literary debating club was formed in 1898-1924. Agnes Dobbyn was President Ellen McGillivray was Vice-President Margaret Campbell Secretary and John Aulph Treasurer A paper was printed with Frank Johnston as editor and chief of the "Shetland Eye-Opener" His assistants were Nelson Powell and Charles Craig Monthly meetings were held in the evening in the Shetland Methodist Church Activities included debates such as Resolved that books exert more influence on character than do contemporary home stage and musical numbers A light snack and socializing completed the club meetings

MEN'S CLUB

Through the efforts of Reverend C Wesley Cope, a Men's Club was formed in 1945 By the winter of 1946 there were thirty members and they put on an excellent minstrel show However the pressures of spring work in a farming community and a change of ministers resulted in the club's demise.

DAWN REFRESHMENT CHURCH YOUTH FRESIDE GROUP

For a 5 year period, approximately 1949-54, this group included young people aged 14-28 from 6 churches, Shetland, Florence, Flesherton, Hillsdale, Dyers Valley and Rathwilder" Average attendance was 40 but at times was as high as 72. Fred Pansher and Don Sunday both had farms as presidents They sponsored mid winter sleigh and carnival, open air church services and weiner roast and added many needy causes The collections and delegates to the Christian Youth Conferences of North American Ministers during this period were Reverend A Thomas Reverend J Barnard and Reverend W S Minor

RELIGIOUS DRAMA CLUB

For a five year period 1951-56 there was an active drama club in the Florence charge Mrs S. Milner directed the plays which were presented as an annual basis with an Easter theme Music was provided by Mrs Grace Hand of Dobbyn. The dramas were put on in Wilder churches Allenton and Morrisontown as well as Shetland

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 1985. Florence — Back row: left to right: Lynda Nurthezat, Carolyn Breen, Nancy Tatton. Centre row: left to right: Celebrence Maynard, Jill Ellam, Bev Badino, Carolyn May. Front row: left to right - Louise Jones, Nancy Enson, Shirley Mouldheart, Melissa Cuvine.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 1983. Oakdale — Senior group, age 8 to 13 concentrate on their lessons and craft session. A mid morning snack and song time conducted by Mary Louise Bailey gives the pupils a break. Other volunteer workers include Debbie Winders, Jerry Knight, Anne Dunlop and Betty Leeson in care of supplies. Pictured above left to right, back row: Stacey Grey, Maree Gay, Mark Olds (staff), Adrienne Bolan, Donnae Bolan, Cindy Stevens, Sheree Curtis, Cheryl Ka ak, Pat Bolan (staff) Seated: Chris Butler, Shane Addison, Kenny Knight, Shawn Butler, Jeff Butler

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In the 1980 s, when Reverend Woolaitt was minister on the 4 point charge, vacation Bible school was held in the Coulmudgeon School at Florence. In the early 90's, Shetland became part of the 3 point Oakdale charge and Vacation Bible school was held in Oakdale. In 1982 to 1986, the student ministers organized the school. Quite a number of Shetland children have attended over the years.

OAKDALE PASTORAL CHANGE PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP

This group was formed in the spring of 1982. They met twice a month for an informal sharing of Bible songs, discussions and scripture readings which gave meaning, faith and hope to Christian lives. Invited guests shared experiences in the ministry and in the mission field. In 1984, the group did not reconvene.

TIME MISS ION BAND OF SHETLAND CHURCH

Unfortunately the records of the Mission Band of the Shetland United Church cannot be found, so the information on here is from the records of the Women's Missionary Society.

The fifth day of August, 1901, the forming of Cradle Roll was discussed. As there were no few children under five years of age it was thought best to organize a Member Circle or Mission Band. Such motion was voted on and carried. on a letter was read to a Mrs Harrison superintendent of Circles and Bands to come and organize one.

On the seventh day of October 1902 there is an amount of five dollars paid to Mrs Harrison of London for coming to organize a Mission Band which was to be called the Help-On A-B-I Band. The colours were to be yellow white and green those of a daisy.

The first superintendent of the Mission Band was Miss Edith Dobbyn. Others were Miss Elma Palmer Miss Leslie Powell, Mrs George Palmer Miss Evelyn Long Miss Ethel Pasha Miss Mary Powell Mrs. Cecil Graham, Miss Marguerite Dobbyn Miss Agnes Dobbyn Miss T B Masterman Mrs Roy Dobbyn, Mrs. Edward Sharp

For many years the Mission Band supported a cot in a Chengtu Hospital. Chua Li was called the "Freddie Fewell Memorial cot". In memory of one of our local young men, Freddie Fewell, who passed away in a Windsor Hospital.

The Mission Band was active in different ways for fund raising. One was by having a corner of their own at the Annual Tea and Bazaar held by the Women's Missionary Society.

Another was their annual Birthday Party. Following is a copy of one of their original invitations:

Only a month for each year of your life,
Will then you a welcome, hearty
An invited you are for March, Twenty-first
To our Mission Band Birthday Party
Now if you don't care to tell your age,
A dollar will surely fill it
As you may live on, and on and on
Till the years and the pennies are filled

The contribution to the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society for 1917 was seventy-six dollars.

SHETLAND MISSION BAND (about 1933) — Front, left to right: Madeline Smith, Donna Leary, Mary Smith, Patricia Leary, Shirley Bal ton, Marie Leary, John Drage. Centre left to right: Ruth Brownlee, Lora Smith, Cecil Brownlee, David Polson, Alice Balton, Maurice Smith. Back, left to right: Betty Drage, Marjory Gibson, Dorothy Drage, Mrs. George Palmer (leader)

At a special meeting of the society, several other ministerial were invited to come and hear Miss Annie Martin - a returned missionary speak. In this minutes, we read that the interesting feature of the evening was how the members of the Mission Band contrived to the guests in a manner which gave them great credit.

Many times the members of the Mission Band provided the program for the annual family night, which the society held. Each year, the July meeting of the Women's Missionary Society took the form of a picnic held at the home of one of their members, at which the members of the Mission Band were in charge of the Worship Service.

A most interesting program was organized for the year 1942. On the afternoon of this well prepared program, was a picture of Gentle Jesus, among a number of children. Underneath the picture these words were printed:

"Children who walk in Jesus' way,
Light shall go with them, day by day."

Each month in 1943, the members of the Hillsdale Band, held their meeting at the home of one of the members of the Women's Missionary Society. Here are the names of the members who opened their home to the Band: Mrs. Douglas Dobbyn, Mrs. Cecil Graham, Mrs. Jean Dobbyn, Mrs. E. Drage, Mrs. Merrill Smith, Mrs. C. Stevens, Mrs. J. Brownlee, Mrs. J. Smith.

In 1944, Mrs. James Hobbs was their superintendent, with Miss Betty Drage as assistant.

In 1945 Mrs. Cecil Graham was superintendent. In July the Women's Missionary Society held an picnic given the members of the Baby Band, the Mission Band and the Mission Circle at the home of Mrs. T. H. Moorhouse.

On December the second 1945 a special Missionary Service was held in the Shetland Church. The music was provided by the members of the Help-On-A-Bit Mission Band. The guest speaker was Miss O Neil missionary who showed slides on her work in China.

It is rewarding to know that many of the members of our little Mission Band of the Shetland United Church have continued to be faithful members of the different organizations of our church and community.

CRADLE ROLL OF THE SHETLAND METHODIST CHURCH

The Cradle Roll was for small children up to the age of four years when they were old enough to attend Sunday School

The Shetland Church Cradle Roll was organised in March 1914 and Miss Hilda Palmer was appointed superintendent.

Miss Palmer left the community for other duties and Mrs Chilton Wilson became superintendent. She filled this office for many years. When she was absent for a time Miss Marguerite Dobbyn took her place

After Mrs. Wilson Mrs Charles Elliott was appointed, followed by Mrs Duncan Gray and then Mrs Cecil Tinney

When the Cradle Roll was started an appli cation form was sent to the parents On it was recorded the baby's name date of birth parent's names, parent's church and date of joining the Cradle Roll.

The parents were given a certificate signed by the pastor and the superintendent. The child was given a small gift on becoming a member and birth days were remembered with cards

For a time a Cradle Roll record hung on the wall of the Sunday School beginners room

To be a Cradle roll superintendent was a plum small boy of servers within the church.

BABY BAND

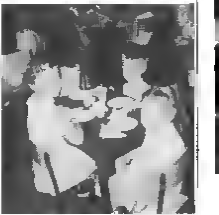
There was no organised group of boy scouts with in the Shetland church during the 40's and 50's. Rills Williams is listed as superintendent in the mid forties and Mrs Betty (Hay) Dobbyn is listed as a superintendent in the late 50's

MESSENGERS

An active group of messengers met on a regular basis during the 50's at the hall's at the leader's homes They studied children as other

lands did craft work, and gave their collections to missionaries. Leaders and assistants included Mrs. Joyce (Edward) Sharp, Mrs Audrey Allen) Ritchie, Mrs Jean (Norman) [illegible] Mrs Davidson (Raymond) Hoo house and Mrs Betty (Rev Betty)

BABY BAND



MESSENGERS — A group of Shetland young people ending their Messenger tea at the hall. Left to right: Linda Meyer, Elizabeth Elliott, Wendy Fancher and Carol Johnston.

EXPLORERS

Explorers started on the Oakdale charge about 1956. Meetings have been held in Oakdale and the leaders were from the Oakdale area until 1986. In 1987 there were 23 members — only 1 from Shetland. Activities have included taking part in a worship service at Oakdale attending a World Day of Prayer service listening to missionary speakers from Inuit, South America etc., going to Explorer Camp at Jamesville preparing Christmas treats for shut-ins skating parties and holding a Mother and Daughter banquet to conclude the yearly program. Fund raising activities have included selling plant hangers Tabarin holding a baby sale and Four Mini-s lunch. The members never lost interest and this remarkable group is unknown and the Bible Society. In 1984 two dedicated leaders from Oakdale Melba McLennan and Marguerite Butler retired after many years of service. The group now meets at Oakdale hall on every second Tuesday from 7-9:30. The program has been modernized as a new purpose prayer and hymn had to be learned. New leaders and helpers are carrying out the format of the Interdenominations group.

NEW INDUCTEES — In December 1984 an initiation ceremony was held in the Oakdale hall for the Explorer Group. The girls received their red stole to learn the promise motto, prayer and hymn. Back, left to right leaders Jackie Urquhart, Edith Hill and our Oakdale Karen Horita. Oakdale Tamara Elliott. Shetland Marie Dick. Oakdale Centre, left to right Michelle Lindemore Jill Osborne, Kathy Urquhart, Jennifer McGuire, Neela Peters, Heidi McGuire. Front, left to right Jennifer Osborne, Krista Barnes, Adrianna Solem, Kerry Phillips, Kay Lian Peters and Jennifer Elliott. In May, 1985 Adrianna Solem, Sasoun Elliott, Kerry Phillips and Krista Barnes graduated to C.G.I.T.

C.G.I.T.

Canadian Girls in Training is an interdenominational group, a National Organization with all 800 members throughout the world, which celebrates its 70th anniversary this year (1986).

The C.G.I.T. for Shetland, Oakdale and Lily's Mills area was organized with the help of Reverend Neal Clark in September 1962. Meetings were held in Oakdale Community Hall under the leadership of Mrs. Hugh Lennox with Mrs. Lorne Leighton and Mrs. Wesley McKay as assistants. There were 24 members in the first year 1962-1963 were: President: Donna Bruce; Secretary: Nona Wagner; Treasurer: Joan Skinner.

In 1963-64, Mrs. Clayton Moore and Mrs. Ismail Elliott were assistants. Less to increased membership, the group was divided into 2 packs - 14 seniors and 18 juniors. Senior President: Nancy McLennan, Senior Secretary: Shannon Nelson, Senior Treasurer: Lois Barnes, Junior Secretary - Lois Leitch. Treasurer for both groups was Margaret Brown.

In 1964-65, Mrs. Peg Moulds was assistant. There were 19 members: President: Gail Mackie, Secretary: Patricia Elliott, Treasurer: Lynda LaPointe.

Each meeting consisted of a worship service, skits study crafts and games. Mrs. Wayne Leeder came from time to time and led the singing. Several times a speaker was invited to attend.

Used stamps were collected and money from the sale of these went to help support a Leper Colony. Each year the girls held a Christmas Party. During December they were caroling at the homes of sick and shut-ins. They also made tree ornaments, candle holders, stars and angels which were used at special Candlelight services in Oakdale Church.

Proceeds were sent to the Southwestern Regional Centre at Cedar Springs and plastic Easter baskets and cotton rabbits were made and sent to War Memorial Children's hospital in London. Chocolates were sold for Mother's Day.

The C.G.I.T. ended each year's program with a Mother and Daughter Banquet followed by Flow

One of the highlights each year was the Camp Rally at Lawrencian. Many of the girls attended Lawrencian camp in the summer.

From 1966 till 1968 the C.G.I.T. was inactive. In 1978, Mrs. A.C. (Nickie) Moorhouse reorganized a group within the Oakdale church. Those who assisted Nickie over the 3 year period were Mary McKinley, Linda Ferrens and Verna Rich.

Girls aged 12 to 17, met on alternate Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 at Shetland Hall, which resumed with chapter singing, laughing, giggles, quiet games, thanksgiving games, quiet prayers, discussions, Bible teachings, Bible fellowships and, with seasons. Other activities included preparing a World Day of Prayer service, sharing in a Leadership workshop, going roller skating at Sarnia, preparing for a Pepsi 'n Pie party and take out cooking, Christmas crafts, sharing in a Christmas party and special Christmas story time and dramatizations on the movie Charade, health, work (craft), know God serve others. In 1982, ministry days outlines was donated to the World Development, Service and Relief

In 1983 a successful Christmas Dinner luncheon and raffle was held in Shetland Hall. The $550.00 proceeds was used to support the Oakdale church C.G.I.T. movement and other charities. Left - right: Mrs. Evelyn Doughty of Alvinston chases a Christmas corsage from the display. Sandra Cress of R.R. # 2 Bothwell, Leader Marlene Harnes of Shetland and Mandy Rich of R.R. 2, Florence represent the C.G.I.T.

Fund in 1980, one hundred twenty-five dollars was sent to World Development and Service Fund and twenty-five dollars to the Sarah-Lumbton County C&LT workboard. Other activities included a swimming party in Walkersburg and Pizza party at Sheldon. The Pizza a Pie Party was a great success netting $147.00. Mission study was on South Pacific shores Fiji and Papua, New Guinea. At the Meeting of neighbor hospital gifts and Guaia were given to Verna Rich and Linda Havens as assistants and a special gift to Mrs A C Moorhouse in recognition of five years of dedicated leadership in the C G I T. In 1984, Lorie Harmon and Jeanette Harmon provided leadership for the girls. Mission Study was on Korea. Activities included a kidnapper party swimming and a very successful Christmas banner and tradition. Five hundred, fifty dollars in proceeds were realized with $50.00 given to the Oakdale Youth Winter Camp and $150.00 to the World Development and Service Fund. There are 13 members in 1984-85.

TYROS

This was another boys group led by Lyle Knight of Ely's Mills. The boys aged 7 to 12 met at the Bowe Consul School for a Christian Education Program. This group was active in the 70's.

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This was a boys group for those aged 12-15 It was active in the 60's

THE CHOIR

The first mention of a musical instrument was the donation of an organ in 1898 by the young people of the congregation. Henry A Fenby (1869-1919) is recorded as being organist at one time, at the new brick church.

In 1899, Miss Bishop took the position of organist until Ethel Moorhouse returned from her musical studies. Dan Ward was choir leader

From the musical recollog initiated - 1910. It was approved that $6.00 be given to the choir to buy music. In 1916, it was decided that the front platform in the church be raised as desired by the choir. So as a result the platform was lowered. Bertha Belshyn was another organist. Mrs Muriel (Thos H.) Moorhouse spent many years teaching music in the community, was pianist at the church, and accompanist when the school children went to music festivals. Each spring, she had a music recital and the hall was packed with an appreciative audience. Proceeds from the recital were given to the library board

Mrs. Grace (Harold) Belshyn

SINGING GROUP ON FLORENCE CIRCUIT — Early 1900's. Identified (Florence) — Seated front left to right: Ernest Hosken, Lerwick; Bridgey Henry Jerome, Lerwick; Fanshaw; William Fordham, Lerwick. Back row left to right: Parton Fancher, William Bovis, William Cross, Willard Moorhouse, A.D. McGuigan, Edwin Moorhouse

FR. Lerwick — Back row left to right: Stanley Fancher, Andrew Fancher, William Gray, Robert Gray, Burt Powers, Amanda Rich, Alice Gray, Dan Rich. Centre row left to right: Nancy Rich, Janice Elliott, Mary Jane Lambrechts, Margaret Ann Wright, Janet Elliott, Marilyn Powers, Catherine Osborne (assistant director). Front row left to right: Jim Rich, Barry Elliott, Doug Powers, Marie Gray, Valerie Pierpont, Stacey Gray, Dawnna Pringley (planist). Absent: Wendy Fancher, Elizabeth Elliott, Greg Bilcliffe, Chris Bilcliffe, Lisa Clifford, Ron Cowell and Ruth Elliott.

Mrs Green (Harold) Hudson devoted 37 years to the church as pianist and choir director. When the Baldwin rolltop was moved to Fairview Geraldine McFadden was pianist for a while. Others who helped out were Mrs Jean (Herman) Elliott, Miss Catherine (Robert) Osborne and Mrs Mary (Victor) Ross.

Those who sang solos or in mixed groups included Robert Beaubien, Mrs and Mr Edwin Moorhouse, Mrs Alfred May, Mrs Frances (Dan) Moorhouse, Gordon and Mary Smith and Bessie Bellamy. Over the past 50 years, many choir members have capably sung special parts on special occasions.

In 1974 - Deanna Elliott became pianist with Alice Gray as choir director. In 1978, Catherine (Elliott) Osborne became assistant director. In 1985 Deanna is still pianist, but she is now Mrs. Wm. Pringley.

With much enthusiasm a new project was begun in November 1981. It was decided to have a Cantata Choir so 44 persons from Shetland, Oakdale, Ida's Mills and Oil Springs congregations met twice a month to practise on Sunday evening. The Cantata "Come Together" a musical romance in Love by Dancy and Carol Owens was very successfully presented. Names ... Deanna Pringley was pianist and Jill Hodder was director. In 1984, as Baxter Cantata "In His Presence" was performed 4 times with Ivy Bodder as pianist and Jill Hodder director. This spring (1985) Deanna Pringley accompanied the group with Jill Hodder directing four performances of "No Greater Love" by J.W. Peterson.

For the past 5 years the choir members have served breakfast to the Orange Motor Cycle Group who camp in the area the weekend in July. In 1984, they had a profit of $300.00. In 1984 the choir donated $820.00 to the Church Building Fund.

CANTATA CHOIR 1981 *R[illegible]* *Alice Gray, Don Moorhouse, Carl May, Rev. Everett Madden, Darrell [illegible], Ron Shaw, Cathy Hudson, Bill McGuire. Row 4, left to right: Dick Bodder, Lee Bodder, Lloyd Baker, Doug McGuire, Al Olds, Robert Elliott, Arthur Gray, Rev. Eric Hudson. Row 3 left to right: Laura McClure, Meikle McLennan, Mary Louise Bodder, Grace Adams, Annie Harris, Karen Moorhouse, Pat Belton, Mary Lee Apps. Row 2, left to right: Beatrice Madden, Catherine Osborne, Pat Zimmerman, Margaret Dunlop, Elaine Isaacson, Marie Olds, Gene Ann Dunlop, Peggy Melton. Front row, left to right: Joyce King, Jane King, Lynn Hudson, Ann Dunlop, Dawn Hudson, Karen Harris, Margaret Ann Wright, Nancy Rich, Wendy Fletcher. Along the wall: Director Jill Hudson, Janet Elliott, pianist Deanna Pringley.*

4 — Community Organizations

SHETLAND GUN CLUB

On January 17, 1962, it was decided to form a Gun Club in Shetland. The basement of the church hall was the meeting place for target practise and business meetings. The first officers were: President — Donald Thompson; Vice-President — Earl Pengelly; Secretary — John Bragg; Treasurer — Tom Elliott. Range Committee — Cliff Garvie, Neil Bowen, Russ Elliott, Jack Elliott, George Hilton and Harold Orsborn.

The age limit for members was 14 years or High School entrance. The group joined the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and 26 membership cards were purchased at $9 cents each. The township council was asked for money to help raise pheasants to be freed when grown, and a $100 grant was received. That first year 325 pheasants were released and the feed cost $68.89. Two hundred and fifty "NO TRESPASSING" signs were purchased to be posted and a turkey shoot was held at Shetland Park in November.

In 1962, membership dues were $6.00, rising to $8.00 in 1966, $4.00 in 1970, $5.00 in 1972 and [illegible] 1977 [illegible] to $10.00.

Jack Elliott and Norman Cameron

premises with $3.00 going to the hall board and $2.00 to the U C W.

In 1962, 458 pheasants were released and a turkey shoot was held in conjunction with the Oakdale Gun Club. A partition was constructed in the basement for target practise in 1964 and an oil stove was set up for heating. A ham shoot was held in March 17, 1965 and Wild Game cookbooks were sold in 1966. A competition for a Christmas tree was held in 1969. Donald Craig, from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority spoke to the group about their bird rearing program in 1970. At that time there were 14 members and officers were: President — Jack Fennell, Vice-President — Hugh McLachan, Treasurer — Jack Elliott and secretary — John Bragg themselves, the 1978 season regulations did not affect membership and the Shetland Gun Club met on alternate Mondays. New members were recruited by the previous membership, gun safety lessons and the competitions - all part of a community activity.

ROBIN HILL SNOWMOBILE CLUB

This club was formed in the winter of 1969-70, with Floyd Sayers of R.R. 2, Thamesville as president, Wayne Caldicott as vice-president and Dick Lunn as secretary-treasurer. It started with 25 members and membership included the wife and children. The group joined the Federation of Snowmobile Clubs which promoted safety and had the location of trails listed. Meetings were held at Robin Hill farmer and trail runs were either started from the Sharp farm or the members went in convoy to Exeter Grand Bend Fort Albert and Rondeau Park. These were family outings, often encircling with a wiener roast in the woods. In 1970-71 there were 44 members. After an existence of 8 years the club disbanded in 1976.

FARM FORUM AT SHETLAND

A week end debating farm forum was born in the fall of 1944 at Shetland. Mr Ed Hunter of the National Film Council presented a film to a large audience that he and Mr Orville Shagg of Scotia tried to organize 3 farm forum groups in the area. Only one group was interested to act as secretary so only the Shetland forum was begun. The other two centres had a "wait and see" attitude. According to Mr Hunter the meetings should be held in the homes rather than a community centre for better attendance.

That December the meetings were held in the school with very small attendance and the interest was a trifle keener. Indeed 1945 was ushered in with snow and more snow. The roads became impassable for cars and the mail down the concession was carried out and up and down until only sleighs could be used. When it was time for the forum meeting the big question was "where and how?"

In response to an enterprising housewife rallied the secretary and the group met at the home of Mr and Mrs Charles Hilton, travelling by sleigh to get there. Problems were earnestly discussed and everyone enjoyed lunch and a social time together. The next meeting was held at Mr and Mrs Sanford Moorhouse with a good attendance. The sleigh rides was enjoyed by all when they couldn't get out to more by towns to the theatre in concerts.

Another meeting was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Roland Jobbyn. Folks arrived on foot or by sleigh as the snow continued. Meetings continued and the interest increased, as folk listened to the radio broadcasts and discussed the topics presented. Meetings on Monday night during the winter months were a problem for years and were held in the school and the hall destroying Mr Hunter's claim that farm forum would die if it wasn't nurtured in a warm home atmosphere.

The spirit of good fellowship was prominent as forums entertained each other and luncheons broadened

At the end of the season in 1961 a box social was held. Attractive boxes, a genial moderator and a good program made the evening a pleasant money-making event. In January 1962 Mrs Cecil Tinney was sent as a delegate to Meadowvale Folk School. Later the same year Miss Bert Elliott was sent as a delegate to the provincial conference in Toronto. One of the members Mrs. Delbert Bronskill was chairman of the County committee for 2 years. In December 1962 Mrs. Myers Elliott was delegate to the leadership school in Petrolia. That year the group ended the season with a theatre party and lunch. In 1963 it included 47 members went to Guelph during Farmers Week. Another time a bus trip took folk to Cassonfield Village and the Ford Museum

A variety program completed was the installation of coat racks in the community hall and many a times a lodging hand was given to a member of the community in need. Not only did members learn and understand each other better but they gained an appreciation of national and county farm organizations

As in most group changes takes place and with the advent of television the farm forum faded at the end of the 1964-65 season

FOLK SCHOOLS

Folk schools were sponsored by the Farm Forum organizations. They were for adults 18-99 years of age and were a form of continuing education. They provided fellowship, co-operation and love a rewarding experience that gave an active rural participant a new insight into abundant living

Folk school began in Lambton County in January 1961 and Shetland had the honour of hosting the first 7 day school, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Tinney sponsored by the Lambton Farm Forum Committee

"The Community and My Place in It" was the theme. People came from all parts of the county on different days to glimpse a folk school in action and take part in the various activities of the day

The forum members planned, prepared and served for as many as 44 people at one meal and also billeted students in their homes. Changes in the county over the years brought about the discontinuation of folk schools following the 12th school held at Fairbank's House Petrolia in 1965 with the theme "Art of Living"

SHETLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Shortly after 1870, 'The Grange' was carried in Shetland. It originated as an American agrarian movement getting its name from the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry founded in 1867. Local paths were called granges and its members grangers. Although established originally for social and educational purposes, they became political forums and channels of farmer protests against economic income of the day.

Next came the Farmers Institutes which were formed for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to agriculture and for the development of local talent. The Ontario Government sponsored the formation of the groups in 1884. Early in 1886, Dr. Harrison, Professor of Bacteriology at O.A.C was berated by Mrs Archbold Hoodless for failing to do anything for farm women, and children while great efforts were being made to disseminate information on the care and breeding of livestock. As a result, Mrs Hoodless was invited to address a conference at Guelph, where she told a male audience they were more concerned about the health of their animals than the health of their children, and that they fed their pigs and cattle more rational[ly] than they fed their families. In 1897 Mrs. Hoodless spoke to a group of 101 women, and one man Richard Lee, who was secretary of the Farmers Institute in Westminster Church. An association known as the Women's Department of Domestic Economy in Affiliation with the Farmers Institute of South Wentworth was formed and Mrs Hoodless became the Honorary President. Rules stated that "Each Women's Institute shall be affiliated with the Farmers Institute in the district" and "Each Women's Institute shall receive a grant of $10 annually from the Department of Agriculture on an equal basis be granted by the county council or municipality in which the Institute is organized or from the local Farmers' Institute."

The Farmers' Institute had a superintendent in a Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture know the Department of Agriculture and Foods, and the Institute women noted that their organization also have a leader in this Branch. Mr F.W Hodson superintendent of Farmers' Institute in 1897, automatically became the first representative of Women's Institutes. He was succeeded by Mr George Creelman until 1904. Then Mr George Putnam became the executive for the next 30 years. However the Farmers' Institute passed out of existence in 1921.

Mrs Andrew Adams First President of Shetland Women's Institute

Miss Letitia Powell (1875-1937) 1st Sec. Treas. of Shetland W.I. also 1st Sec. of W.I.S.

In 1907, the Farmers' Institute of Shetland Community held a meeting in Shetland Hall. They had a governmental lecturer to address them and a lady came along to meet with the ladies in the church across the road. The Shetland Women's Institute was organised with Mrs Andrew Adams as president and Miss Lettie Fowell as secretary-treasurer. Mrs Allison Moncktown was one of the first members. The first meeting was held at the Adams's house and more members joined. Mrs Adams suggested that they have a motto. It was knee a good thing, para 4:1. It was decided that the Society be called 'The Women's Mutual Aid and Improvement Society' that a speaker be engaged for the June meeting and that afternoon and evening meetings be held. The second meeting was held at Mrs. Sharp's home in the evening at 7 o'clock. Mrs Dr Dishart and Mrs E Bulgin gave papers on 'House-cleaning' and Mrs Elliott and Mrs Fowell gave papers on 'Flowers and their care and Gardening'.

ENSHRINE GRANDMOTHERS In 1947 — Front row: left to right: Mrs Jon Dobbyn Mrs Mat Dobbyn Mrs Joseph Dobbyn, Mrs. Tom Playfoot, Mrs. Bert McAuslan. Mrs. Charles Stevens. Back row: left to right: Mrs. Clayton Sharp, Mrs. Jon Elliot Mrs F. Smith Mrs. Robert Moorhouse Mrs Levi Budgley Mrs A. May Mrs George George.

Through the years the Shetland Women's Institute has accomplished a great deal in the community. They provided the school children with cups and dishes for tea parties, helped equip the hall with dishes for suppers and banquets made donations to local groups as Boy Scouts, Fair Bonnet Twilight Revue, Old People's Treats and the Cross in Selkirk and it supported the 4-H Homemaking Club. Many a needy family has been helped in some way.

The Institute sponsors the girls 4-H Club. back, left to right: Carol Johnston, Cathy Ross, Mary Jane Elliott, Kathy Donnelly Margaret Ann Gray Wendy Forsher Front left to right Lana Wright, Donna Macaulay, Mrs. Joan (Alex) Gray, Mrs. Joanne (Warner) Powers Christine Elliott.

The ashes from Shetland are looking as the ceremonial resin grass which made up part of their display a Brigden in 1975. Left to right: Mrs. Luella (Robert) Bilton Mrs. Alma (Neil) Brown, Mrs. Jeanne (Glenn) Elliott, Mrs. Marion (Donald) Elliott, Mrs. Dorothea (Ray) Moorhouse

Programme
SHETLAND BRANCH
— OF THE —
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

1972 1973

Inability Ode
A goodly Society is we raised
Where nothing seems to please
Complaints are made from the Members
Of Ladies
On raising the rafters and pews
No very severe fault can be found
An evil shall soon be removed
Real
The good or all REMAINS.

Meetings Third Wednesday of each month.

—JUNE 5—

EVENING—At Hall
GRANDMOTHERS MEETING
Conveners Mrs. E. Sinclair,
Mrs. E. Sutherland.
Roll Call An Original Recipe
also my Grandmother
Theatrical Mrs. Kent Wright
Report of Dept. Annual Mrs. E. Pitten
Lunch Mrs. Wm. Bolton, Mrs. E. Pitten,
Mrs. H. Elliot
Sale of Goods.

—JULY 10—

EVENING
Hostess—Mrs. Lois Pitten
Roll Call An Article Knit
Theme Agriculture & Crossing
Conveners Mrs. L. Sinclair
Demonstration Girls Garden Club
Lunch Mrs. Ivy Bolton, Mrs. A. Moy.

—SEPT 13—

EVENING
Hostess Mrs Les Cross
Roll Call How could I be a better
Citizen
Speaker Township A. Education,
Mrs. J. Johnston
Entertainment Using a Coin.
Mrs. E. Hicks
Lunch Mrs. J Sinclair
Mrs. E. Bolton
Sale of Treats.

—OCT 5—

EVENING—In Hall
Roll Call What could I do, what I
shall I plant
Shetland Trip Officers and other
Business
Entertainment supplied by Visiting
Committee
Lunch Social Committee

—NOV 17—

AFTERNOON
Hostess Mrs. C. Geary.
Roll Call A Famous Woman in the
Bible
Theme Historical Research,
Mrs E. Henderson
Lesson Mrs. C. Bolton, Mrs. C. Elliott

—DEC 14—

AFTERNOON
Hostess Mrs. E. Sinclair.
Roll Call White Gifts for Children's
Ward
Christmas Programme Mrs. May
Lunch Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. I. Hicks.

—JAN 5—

AFTERNOON
Business Meeting Council
Roll Call The most enjoyable thing
I have participated in my
Theme Community Activities &
Mrs. Pelagius Mrs. McWilliams
Current Events Mrs. S. Moorhouse
Lunch Mrs C. Tinney Mrs. E. Bolton.

—FEB. 15—

AFTERNOON
Business Mrs Russell Elliott
Roll Call Valentine Verse
Valentine Programme Mrs. C. Bilyk
Goods
Agents Parcels and Posters
Lunch Mrs. M. Elliott, Mrs. C. Geary

—MARCH 2—

AFTERNOON
Hostess Mrs. A. Moy
Roll Call Song, Say or Pay
An Irish Story Mrs. Jas Wade
A Paper on Women's Legal Rights
Mrs. Johnston
Lunch Mrs. P. Johnston
Mrs. Del Sorenson.

—APRIL 6—

EVENING
Hostess Mrs C Tinney
Roll Call Spring Fact
Election of Officers & Reports
Visiting Programme
Lunch Mrs. E. Robinson,
Mrs L. Sinclair

—MAY 11—

EVENING
Hostess Mrs. Roland Bolton
Roll Call What my husband does
Theme Flowers for the Home
Guest Speaker
Sale of Goods
Lunch Mrs. Gregg
Mrs. D. Sutherland.

During war times, the ladies did knitting, sewing and sent parcels to the men overseas. Over the years, they have taken advantage of self-improvement courses offered in sewing, millinery, rug making, cooking, home decorating, choosing of fabrics etc.

Collections have been made on an annual basis for Muscular Dystrophy and the Cancer Society.

Each Christmas, rather than exchange gifts amongst themselves, each member brings a toy to be donated to the Cloverleaf Nursery School for Handicapped Children at Wardsville.

Meetings have provided for demonstrations, guest speakers, films, preparation for fair exhibits and getup winning Roots and many interesting trips.

In 1967 the Shetland Institute celebrated its 60th Anniversary, as well as the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute at Stoney Creek, Ontario by Adelaide Hunter Hoodless.

In recognition of the event, a pot luck supper was held for approximately 100 present and past members and their husbands served by Dr. & Mrs. Clark girls. Mrs. Frances (Holmes) Moorhouse was president. Two of 3 charter members were present. Mrs. S. Armstrong of Newbury and Mrs.

PRIZE WINNING FLOAT at Harvest Fair 1963 — Left to right Ronald Sharp, Mrs. Marion (Duncan) Grey Mrs. Lizzie (Alfred) May, Mrs. Ina (Edward) Bucknell, Mrs. Marguerite (Jas.) Blake

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — 1967 — seated, left to right - Mrs. Muriel (Tom) B.I. Moorhouse, Mrs. Marguerite (Jas.) Blake Standing, left to right - Mrs. Luella (Robert) Bilton, Mrs. Leonore (Lloyd) Cracknell, Mrs. Grace (Harvey) Smith.

T. Bilton of Florence. Mrs. Clifton Wilson of Bothwell was unable to attend. Mrs. Bilton recalled the terrific amount of work the ladies had done for the Red Cross in war time how they had sold tickets on a horse, which had been donated and in so doing raised over $150.00. Minus the usual wish crowd, by strange coincidence it belonged to the donor. She remembered that the Institute had bought one of the first vacuum cleaners and treated part of the members for 50¢ a day. It took 3 people to operate it - one to provide suction power by working a pumping pad, while another operated the hose and one was the dirt. Mr. Roland Dolbey proposed a toast to the ladies and Miss Eva Lobsinger replied. The guest speaker Mrs. Flossie MacDougall was introduced by Mrs. Myers Elliott and thanked by Mrs. Robert Bilton.

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary, more than 60 persons attended a dinner and family night at the Shetland Hall. Guest speaker was Mrs. Leonore (John Cracknell R.N. who spoke on 'Children and Food'. Mrs. Norman (Tom.) Elliott was in charge of the program. Mrs. T.H. Moorhouse and Mrs. Jas. Blake put on a skit displaying olden days

In Shetland Vocal duets were sung by Patsy and Catherine Elliott. The children's choir of Shetland and area mass ceremonial selections under the direction of Mrs Muriel Dalrymple President was Mrs. Luella (Robert) Elliott. Mrs Morvia Smith of Florence was president of Lunnister South district at the time. There was a membership of 21 in 1967

This year the Shetland Women's Institute has been in existence for 25 years, and has a membership of 14 Mrs. Anna Gluyas is seen in promised. Mrs. Luella (Robert) Elliott is secretary-treasurer and Mrs Marion Adam Neville was installed as President of Lunnister South district on May 23

SHETLAND INSTITUTE CELEBRATES 75th ANNIVERSARY 1962 — A dessert cookery and weaving Institute members marked the 75th Anniversary of the formation of Shetland Institute. Approximately 40 persons attended a spike of the vandy many weather in Wednesday afternoon. October 2nd at the Shetland Hall. Mrs. Evelyn Phillips secretary-treasurer of the Shetland organization made and decorated a beautiful tiered anniversary cake which was cut by President Mrs. Luella Elliott (centre). Young girls' tables were left to right Mrs Eileen Parking, Cruive, secretary-treasurer for Lunnister South, Mrs Amy Sager Cruive, District President, and a member of Rutherford W I. Mrs Luella Elliott, R.R 2 Florence, Mrs. Marion Neville R.R. 1 Ironwod, Past President of Shetland W I and 2nd Vice-President for this district Mrs. Sybil Marwood R R 4 Alvenston, secretary of Anglehorn W I and Provincial Board director Subdivision 25.

With improvement of the rural house in mind, the motto, For Home and Country was selected in 1916 and since then has been officially adopted.

About 1913 Women's Institute reports were part of a Report of the Minister of Agriculture then the Canadian Horse Journal a magazine now discontinued, gave publicity to the Women's Institute activities In 1914 the Ontario Department of Agriculture published a 4 page "Women's Institute" News Bulletin and in 1919 the entire was replaced with a 6 page paper called " Home and Country". Here the name has increased considerably and has set "real world wide

Miss Mary Stewart wrote the Collect as a prayer for the day, and called it a "Collect for Every Women" because she felt that women working together in an organization was something new and the prayer they had used for special activities and celebration of their own. It was published in 1904, and adopted throughout the world by English-speaking women.

Keep us O Lord from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word and deed

Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self seeking.

May we be prepared to forgive and forget, each other freely and fully, without self pity and without pretence

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous

Let us take time for all things make us grow calm serene, gentle

Teach us to put into action our better impulses straight forward and unafraid

Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that create differences that in the big things of life we are one

And may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all and O Lord God let us not forget to be kind.

1983 INSTITUTE EXECUTIVE — Seated: Mrs. Lelac Myers) Elliott and Mrs. Marguerite Lloyd Hobbs who are Tweedsmuir curators. Standing, left to right: Mrs. Evelyn (Wm.) Playford, Family and Consumer Affairs convener. Mrs. Joyce (Edward) Sharp, Agriculture and Canadian Industries convener. Mrs. Jeanne (Warren Powers 4-H leader. Absent: Mrs. Betty (Jack) Elliott - Education and Cultural Activities convener; Mrs. Jackie (Robert) Ellis - Citizenship and World Affairs convener.

AREA BIBLE STUDY GROUP — In May 1984, a luncheon was held at Shetland Hall with guests from the Oakdale and Lily's Mills groups. Approximately 40 attended. Guests included left to right: Mrs. Marie Johnston of Rutherford Mrs. Jessie Bodwyn of Shetland Mrs. Pat Bolen of Oakdale and Mrs. Lenore Crockwell of Brentwood Acres, Thamesville.

SHETLAND LITERARY SOCIETY

For three years from 1974-1976, the Shetland Literary Society hosted an annual poetry reading session at Shetland Conservation Area. The meetings were sponsored by the Canadian Authors Association — Sarnia branch; Watford Creative Writers group and the Shetland Literary Society. Lambton County poets and novelists took some of their recent poems. Familiar names associated with the event were Ruth Leitch, Alvinston; Hope Cannon and Norma Lindsay, Sarnia; folks and Peggy (Fletcher) Drage R.R. 1 Inwood; Ray Will, Petrolia and local librarian, Dorothea MacKenzie R.R. 3, Florence. Attendance averaged 50 persons and the evening concluded with a writers' roast.

AREA BIBLE FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDY GROUP

In January 1979, a Bible study and prayer group was formed and usually meets December 1st at home on Wednesday morning at 9:30. The main study is "Friendship" Bible Colleges pay out by Zondervan Publishers. Many denominations have been represented over the past 6 years — Anglican, Catholic, United, Dutch Reform, Brethren and Pentecostal. Other area groups meet at Oakdale, Lily's Mills Cairo and Thamesville. Usually in May, a luncheon is sponsored by one of the study groups and other groups are invited to enjoy the fellowship.

JUNIOR FARMERS

The first Junior Farmer meeting was held in 1949, organized by Don Cassie, principal of the Florence Continuation School. John Faucher was President, Wally Annett was Vice-President, Starr Macaulay was 2nd Vice-President and Keith Elliott was Secretary-Treasurer.

That first year four members represented the club in the Amateur Entertainment Competition at county zone and provincial levels and won the top honour. Participants were Fred and Lucy Ann Faucher who put on a skit and Eunice Bobbyn, sang accompanied by Grace Jackson.

Also in 1949, the Junior Farmers sponsored the first Explosives 4-H Calf Club which is still

Cast of prize winning play "Final Wrecks the Car" at Junior Farmers' Drama Festival 1951. Front row, left to right: George Walker, Estella Patterson, Dorian Heygood, Lucy Ann Pauline Eunice Dobbyn, Rose Tinney. Back row, left to right: Fred Famsher, Ivy Dobbyn, Director was Mrs. Betty (Wallace) Annett.

Judging competitions were also held between local clubs, at the county level in Brigata and in the Royal Winter Fair. Families named in the winners' circle in the photos were not known only because a connection years was allowed to keep the trophy. Bill Bilson who won the individual trophy for judging beef animals at the provincial level in 1956. Clare Bilson and Ted Sharp.

Another highlight for the Eighteen Township Junior Farmers was the selection of Fred Famsher to go on an Exchange trip to Britain as one of the 4 representatives from Ontario. He was selected by the county organization on the basis of 4-H and Junior Farmer participation.

Bill Bilson was also selected in 1959 for the U. N tour to Washington and New York.

At least 3 Eighteen's Township Junior Farmers ploughing competitions were held — one on the Bruce farm — one on the Bilson farm and one on the Myers Hillet farm.

In 1961 Tarves and Eighteen's Junior Farmer Groups joined. Meetings rotated from Rutherford to Oakdale to Shetland. This lasted until 1966 when the group disbanded. In 1977 South Lumbton Junior Farmers was organized to include Eighteen's Town-

Cast of prize winning play "High Wedlock as Drama Festival 1959. Left to right: Carol Moorhouse, Elizabeth Blake Director Mrs. Audrey (Aird) Bilson, Gwen Dobbyn, John Bruce, assisting is Eunice Bilson (also took the picture)

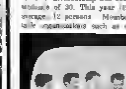
before 96 years later and a corn club which was planned out over the years. Ted Sharp, Ross Tinney and Ben Walker won first prize for the Junior Farmer Corn Club competition at the Royal Winter Fair. Other 4-H clubs organized in Eighteen's since that time have been the Swina Club, Field Crop Club, Horse Club, Tractor Club and Farm Machinery Club. Lucy Ann Famsher also spent a week at Provincial Leadership camp at Lake Couchiching in 1949.

Sports competitions were great fun! Field days were held in Perrella and John Bruce usually won the 8-lap jump ropes in 1956. Lucy Ann Famsher was selected to take part in the National 4-H Club Congress held at Chicago. She was one of six delegates from Ontario and Lambton County's representatives.

In 1951, the group entered the first Drama Festival. The play "Final Wrecks the Car" directed by Mrs. Betty (Wallace) Annett was first prize, performing in Perrella in what is now Victoria Playhouse. The last year, the Festival was held was 1959. That year Mrs. Audrey (Aird) Bolton directed the play "High Wedlock" and the group finished in first place.

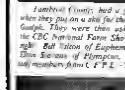
Ivy Dobbyn and Fred Famsher represented Lambton County Junior Farmers on a debating team in 1953 and finished second at the provincial level. Another year 1959, Bill Bilson and Ron McGregor won at the zone level.

and Seniors Meetings were held at Oakdale for 1 by 1980, the membership was 136 with an average attendance of 30. This year (1986) the attendance averages 12 persons. Members collect for charitable organizations such as cancer and arthritis



reporting on the National Farm Show at Harrisburg

Lambton County 4-H Beef Program meeting room where they put on a skit for the Junior Farmers in Guelph. They were then asked to perform for the CBC National Farm Show on Mon. Feb. 10th, 1986 at Exhibition Place, Toronto. Left to right: Bill Nelson of Eagletown, Don Smith and Glen Sherman of Plympton. Now Arnold was 2 lady members from C.F.P.L. - T.V.



Eastbourne 4-H Club Award Night 1979. Left to right: Donald Elliott donated a scribe from the Pioneer Seed Corn Company, Gordon Fenske received the jacket for having the top corn exhibit at Florence Fair. Scott Elliott received the silver tray awarded by the Royal Bank Newbury for the top field crop member. Charles Elliott was Field Crop Club leader and Sandy Stanbier was Assistant Agricultural Representative for Lambton.

societies, and support community improvement projects.

In the 50's, they encouraged farmers to take advantage of soil testing facilities at Oakdale and before 1967 assisted with the Century Farm sign project. In 1975, they started an Old Tyme Square Dancing club in Bradleyton and in 1981 was the Provincial organization. The sports program has become widely diversified with broomball at Forest, baseball at Oil Springs, soccer in Bradleyton and track and field in Petrolia.

Like most other organizations, Junior Farmers has had its ups and downs, nevertheless as the Junior Farmers of yesteryears who are the 4-H leaders today.

OSTLAND HALL

Early records mention John Drew's Hall. It seems the hall was a large two storey building located behind and slightly north of John Drew's home (See Location 1886). The front faced east. The John Methodist meetings were held there and the small children's prayer meetings and Sunday school activities. In 1892, it is recorded that a polling place was listed at Drew's Hall, Ostland.

Towards the end of the nineteenth century Thomas Rink collected funds to build a hall on part of the S. W. quarter of Lot 25, concession 3. The land was purchased from Wm. Bishbyn for $25.00, on condition that it be used only for a Public Hall with the 66 feet allowed. The deed was dated August 30, 1898 in 1901, an error was detected and the deed was rescinded for $40.00 to read the S.W. quarter. On May 4, 1901 Thomas Rink sold the hall to Jacob M. Bishbyn for $400.00. On August 1, 1901 Jacob Bishbyn sold the property to Court Lovalty Lodge #570 Canadian Order of Foresters for $75.00. On April 1, 1922 the Foresters sold the hall to the Bishbyn Public Library Association for $100.00 while reserving the right to use the building for meetings 12 times a year and stipulating that it not be used for dancing or any other questionable purpose.

The library board spent the next year making repairs. A new foundation and basement was put in and an entry erected on the front. In 1933 Roland Bishbyn, Charlie Bishbyn and John Bishbyn installed hydro in both the church and the hall. During the

Shetland Hall 1985

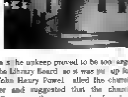
depression was at the lowest proved to be too large a burden for the Library Board so it was put up for sale again. John Harry Fowel sifted the church board together and suggested that the church acquire it. Where was the money to be found in such hard times? It seems that when the Wesley Methodist Church no 58, concession 5 Sophiasburgh was closed and the property sold on July 17 1918 for $138.00 the proceeds of the sale were divided between the Armstrong and Shetland congregations of the Methodist Church. According to Manley & Moorhouse the money from the sale of Wesley Church was used to purchase the hall property on September 13 1934 from the Library Assc mins for the sum of $100.00 with the building reserved twice yearly for library meetings. It was necessary at that time to put on a new roof build a new chimney paint the building and repair the interior plaster

Montreal shows plays and socials helped raise money for needed repairs

This is a portion of a post card written by Del Bernardo to Carrie Wilson on February 26 1912 with reference to the Shetland Musical Group

"The Shetland concert goes there show on Newbury last Saturday evening. We took in $17.00 and we got half. Douglas Bishops and I got our dinners together and took part of the concert in Newbury Harry McCracken and Jos Doherty raced together and came up behind an hollering and went past yelling and Highland cow horse I was afraid they were going to get away for they ran for a long ways.

Chicken suppers following community were held annually in the basement followed by a program in the hall Sparrow hunting matches with



loft from one side of the cross placed against those from the other side resulted in the losers providing an oyster supper The late Thomas Oliver Bishop is well remembered for his oyster cookery expertise in the early 40's the hall was raised and a whole new foundation put in including a cement floor. About this time the stationary wooden benches were removed allowing for movable type of floor space. Stacking chairs and tables are now used.

In 1966 a kitchen was built in part of the entry and a new gas furnace was installed suspended from the ceiling It proved to be extremely noisy when in use.

Further renovations took place in 1978 when the stage was removed, the kitchen was enlarged a new gas furnace installed and a room was built in the north side to accomodate a new entry coat racks and two washrooms At this time new windows were put in the ceiling lowered and the building insulated

In 1983 the building was reroofed and in 1989 the floor was refinished

Following the installation of the furnace the hall was used to supplement the church for Sunday School classes. It is now extensively for banquets church suppers U.C.W meetings church services when the church is under renovation Institute meetings community showers C.O.I.T agricultural meetings the annual Christmas concert family gatherings and 4-H activities to name a few

The hall is still used today as a Polling Station for elections both municipal and provincial The basement is used only for storage now

5 — Businesses

The Shetland Mercantile Store in 1965 owned by Alex Bolton since 1945.

STORE

The first store to Shetland was started in the early 1880 s. When the brick church was built the old manse building was sold to Andrew Ward who moved it to its present site on the corner of the road and the river road and turned it into a general store. Neil Alfred J. Peake, the Royal Bodyguard owned the store.

About 1895 it was bought by Thomas Hall. The next owner was Mr. Mann from Petrella. He sold the business to John Williams in 1901. Mr. Williams and his wife Hannah used to bring in supplies from Newbury. The post office was also in the store at this time.

Interior of Shetland Post Office and Store 1902

About that time bread was selling 6 loaves for 25c in 1907 one loaf cost 25c. In 1908 one loaf of flour cost $1.00. Mr. Shaw from Marina City bought the store from John Wilkins and sold it to Wm. A. Edwards in 1911. He and his wife Lillie (Smith) operated the store and post office as well as the local office of the Inland and Bedwell Telephone exchange. They lived in the attached living quarters and raised the five members of their family there. When fire destroyed the building on May 24 1918 they moved to the brick concession of Raphenella.

Then Lorl Badgley bought the location. Alonzo Badgley's blacksmith shop and planing mill located across the street. Lorl did horse shoeing here and made iron rims for wagon wheels etc. Directly behind the blacksmith shop was a woodworking building. Here wooden pumps wagon tongues neck yoke etc were made. Running a roller press was another enterprise of the Badgleys. The press was turned down by hand. Its easy task and a gasoline engine was used to run the other mill. Some days wagon parts and a pulley would be lined up back to the church, waiting to be processed.

In a two storey building near the blacksmith shop, Lorl had a garage gas pumps and a three room house he sold Maxwell cars. Upstairs he had a barber shop. This building was converted into a store after the store across the street burned. He also kept bee hives on the property and harvested honey.

STORE AND POST OFFICE owned by John Williams from 1908 — 1928 — Left to right Alonzo Badgley, Lee Badgley, Kate Badgley, Verda Badgley, Royal Badgley (grandfather) Rilla Williams, Verna Williams (cousins), unknown, John A. Williams (owner)

In 1928, Lee sold this store to George and Agnes Bolton. When the store was sold Lee removed the woodworking lathe 1 drove and moved the machinery to his place (W½ Int SE Cor. 3) up the hill overlooking the river, where he made window sash, wooden pumps, did other carpenter work and ran his cider press.

In 1933, the store burned and he a home Mr. Bolton used part of his house for a grocery until the store was rebuilt on the same site.

In the 20's George Bolton also barbered in his home at the evenings for 25¢ per hair cut.

In the early 1900's eggs and butter were taken to the store and coupons were received, which could be used to buy groceries etc. The storekeeper would grade the eggs. Lafe traded here in

Mr. and Mrs. John William Verna—Mrs. Cecil Graham) Rilla (Mrs. Calvin Annett)

Mrs. Wm. A. Edwards (Lillie). This picture was taken on her 95th birthday in 1933.

The old store in 1927. This building burned in 1933.

PHONE 580

L. H. BADGLEY

GENERAL MERCHANT

MARKWELL, SASK. — INC. 1916

P.O. Box 20 — Douglas Fairbanks

Shelland Ont. Feb 16 1926

X	Raymond	10
X	Thread	10
X	Cheese	35
12	Lbs Cut	29
	Lunch Steak	15
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X	Corn Flakes	25
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Levi Badgley and horse-drawn press

THE NEW STORE built n 1933 by Fenwicks and owned by George Nelson. Photo taken about 1938. In 1945 an electric gas pump was installed and a 3000 gallon under ground storage tank put in.

STORE TODAY 1985 — Grocery Aisle Hardware Department Norrie Wright an employee for the past 19 years.

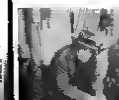
customers would call at the farm to pick up eggs and cream on a regular basis and also sell the farmer purchased butter.

In 1946, after George Bolton's death his son Alec bought the store. Alec enlarged the store and traded it out-of-use. A store on the back was a feed mill and on Friday Saturday evenings, for the local men to have a visit and gossip a bit.

In 1975 Alec made extensive renovations. Fluorescent lighting was installed. Timber cuts were replaced by metal screens. Counters were painted with green metal paint to ensure sterilization and the floor space was increased. The original size of the store was 900 square feet with 540 square feet of storage while the renovated store had 6000 square feet of floor space with 1800 square feet of storage.

Present owner Alec Bolton said "Thirty-five years ago, I was told the country store business was a dying trend. Although I have seen some drastic changes over the years I do not feel that the country store has become obsolete." The Shakiral Mercantile Store has certainly proved that country stores are not obsolete when one does $1,000 of business biweekly instead of annually, as was the case in 1975.

Today (1980) all the ordering is done by computer. The large variety of stock, competitive prices purchase service and being open on Saturday night have all contributed to success as Alec celebrates 40 years in business.



ed Drage Wayne Eccles Clarence Frangley
ed Harold Dobbyn chat at the store 1958

THE ICE HOUSE

The frame school located south of the present hall after being used as a cheese factory by Alfred Rowe-Dutton and stable by Richard Lloyd until about 1912-13 was moved onto the back of the property of the present store. Levi Badgley owned that store and sold ice from the back of the frame building known as the "Ice House". When George Eccles purchased the store in 1920 he continued to sell ice until hydro came to the district in December 1931. During Mr Bolton's ownership, he remodelled the building and built a garage in the front part. In 1949, the property changed ownership. The Ellis Prangley family moved in and Elliott Rowe proceeded to move the 26 by 32 foot building to a common across from the hall west of the river road. However a wind storm came up before the building was secured and it was flattened, culminating its use for anything but firewood.

THE BLACKSMITH SHOP

Mr Marcellus (plasterer of Dereh) had built a house and blacksmith shop along the townline of Bierce and Kaladar. [illegible] on the corner of the store are farm. This was the first home and shop of John Drew. Later he started out for himself as Shamrock, building a blacksmith shop on the W on grass. Mr Drew had bought 1 4/5 acres in N E part of lot 24 from John Hudspeth in 1872. He also owned the north 60 of the Tinney farm and 100 acres on the south part of the Wilson farm. While he operated his shop many young men learned the blacksmith trade from him (Joseph Bytheman Marshall Healy Alonzo Badgley e)

Next Alonzo Badgley had a blacksmith shop where the present store now stands. Wm Siddal and Joseph Bytheman both helped Alonzo at the shop. When the store on the west side of the street burned in 25 8, Levi Badgley bought the blacksmith shop from his brother and used it for horse-shoeing and making waggon wheels/irons.

The next blacksmith shop was on the property owned by T.H. Moorhouse beside the mill (the cement block building housing the mill office today 1980). Wm Siddal was the first blacksmith tenant. Later a blacksmith shop was operated by Alphabet (Pye) Bytheman and as auto repair shop

In the back was operated by Wm Bishop until about 1965

Some of the residents recall the alley "FREE AIR" painted on the front of the building and the first public urinal located in the N.E. corner of the alley just inside the door. It was fabricated from half a iron oil barrel, from a Model "T" Ford. The door also had a brick forge.

The Cook Bros were the next blacksmiths to work out of the shop on the Moorhouse property They moved a house onto the property belonging to Cliff Wellons in the top of the gore formed by the river road and sectoral concession about 1910. Wm. and Jack Cook also did auto repairs and J.E. Bragg did the horse-shoeing. In 1940 Jos. Coulter moved into the white house in the gore and rented the blacksmith shop on the Moorhouse property

In 1951 Gord Coulter bought the property in the gore. He lived in the white house and purchased the back of the church shed. He moved it to the gore property and made it into a blacksmith and machine repair shop. The Coulters moved to Waubaushene in 1963. The white house was sold and moved to Brendan. At that time Jack Johnson and Lorne Hodgson bought the garage and shop and operated it for 5 years

Alex Balson purchased the property in 1968 and used the old shop for storage for awhile. About 1967-68 he tore the shop down and built a fenced enclosure for a propane depot with Central Pipeline as supplier. This [illegible] was [illegible] by Imperial. In 196[illegible] for by Gulf

four building from the Ray Moorhouse farm and used it for storage as pictured.

J E Bragg and sup. forge on his farm about 1917 and did horse-shoeing and repair work there. Then in 1946, Mike Fecher built a welding repair shop on the mill property west of the river road. He worked there until 1972, when he retired to Chemainus. Today many farmers own their own electric welders and the blacksmith shop era is recorded in pioneer villages and museums.

MILL OFFICE

This mill office building has served in many capacities over the last 90 years. Built in 1889, by Thomas H Moorhouse it had a subsequent use as the shop for Chalmers automobiles. Then, it became a blacksmith shop when Wm. Siddall from Woodgreen rented it. Next Bye Dykeman blacksmithed there and Wm Bishop repaired autos in the back of the building till about 1968. Then the Cook Bros. used it as an auto repair and blacksmith shop until as did James Coulter.

After the fires, T H Moorhouse cleaned the building out and, for part of it, for a music studio, while her husband used the rest of the area for a garage. In 1968 Elliott Bros. purchased the home garage and land from Miss T H Moorhouse.

Lloyd Elliott was hired to renovate the interior of the garage and in 1971 it became the mill office. In 1973 washrooms were added and in 1980 a mobile unit was connected for use as the post

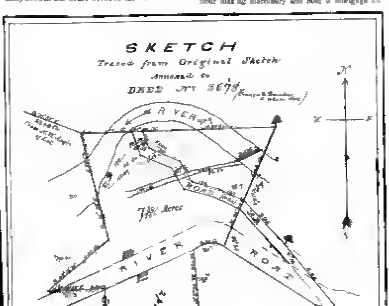
This original cement block building has housed a variety of businesses and is in full use today.

THE MILL

John Pechlyn, a brother of James Pichard Thomas and William had a saw mill and a grist mill named Tribenna Mills Grist and Saw which were built just below the village on the St. Austell river. The position of part of the raceway and road is still visible today

Through the efforts of Thomas Rick the river-keeper a stock company was formed and the former contributed to build a large frame mill in the village. In 1886, The Shetland Flour and Grist Mill was built by the Auld Bros. Alex Auld and his family lived in the house between the mill and the brick school, which had been built in 1878. When first built the mill was equipped with a pair of half-sacred and dressed stones for grinding. The stones were made by a mill-dresser who grooved them for proper grinding. The original mill stones were at the back of the store of the village mill for years, where they were finally retrieved by Elliott Bros in 1964 and stored for preservation

Both coal and wood were used to feed the steam engine and Stanley Hart was the engineer. Water for the steam engine was pumped from the Auld mill by cable. The yard was stocked with coal wood and coal was brought by train and wagon from Inwood and Redwood. Milton Dobbyn installed the flour and ag machinery and held a mortgage on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Picture of original mill taken about 1904

It In 1961 he got the mill because of financial problems and ran it until 1967

Western wheat was shipped to North Bockwell and drawn by horse teams on wagons or sleighs. The soft winter wheat and western spring wheat were blended for various grades of flour In 1898, a plate grinder was put in, making it a 24 barrel flour mill. Flour was put out in 25 or 50 pound paper sacks and later a 98 pound cotton sacks From 1906 to 1919 Thomas Moorhouse operated the mill with Carat Wilson Clifton Wilson Oliver George and Wm. Sutton Jr working there During this period natural gas was available so it was used for auxiliary steam power Alfred May was a teamster hauling flour to Rockwell, Newbery Thamesville and Kent Bridge Sam Elliott, Duncan McGillivray Stafford Moorhouse and other local residents also worked in the same capacity

Note the old mill pump under the step at 1904 It was removed in 1964

During the first World War the mill was so busy they operated a day and night shift, on a 24 hour basis Mr Moorhouse started working with

Inroad Co-operative Company in 1921. He retired as manager in 1951 at age 73 after 30 years service.

In 1918 George Bolton and Alec (Stanley) Brown took over the mill operation. In 1921 George Palmer bought out Stanley Brown and the new "George + ran it until 1938 when for $3000 George Palmer became sole owner. Ernie Rash, Charlie Bolton and Harold Brown worked for George and later Ira Brownlee. George's wife Mary helped him at the mill when she was needed. Flour processing was discontinued in 1942. In 1956 a Fairbanks Morse diesel engine was install ed. From 1965 on a Ruston Hornsby diesel was in use until 1968.

Following the war Tom and Russell Elliott purchased the mill (building, property and machinery) for $5 000 from Chas. & Palmer and began business on September 1945.

The next year a delivery truck was purchased and one employee Carold Morrison was hired.

The first major expansion was a frame warehouse attached to the feed mill, built in 1957 at a cost of $6000.00

A large warehouse for seed and bagged fertilizer was constructed in 1961 and a bulk fertilizer warehouse was erected in 1963, on a three acre piece of property on the west side of the river road. This included a blending operation. A time saving convenience for farmers: a bin for bulk fertilizer

Interior of Flour Mill

George Palmer (left) and Ira Brownlee (right) are wait ing fo another load of grist.

Wellington ROLLER MILLS

Shetland.

We aim to all further increase the high standard of

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Blended Flours a Specialty

High Grade Work and increased Shell bus have gone us a much larger

CHOPPING TRADE

which continues to prosper

T H MOORHOUSE
PROPRIETOR

Bulk fertiliser warehouse 1963

Ellam Bros. feed truck 1965

Silos on right built in 1966 and 1972. Note the original building.

A feed tower was added to the original mill in 1969-71

The front end loader is used to fill the corrugator with bulk fertilizer

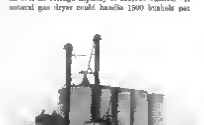
The fertilizer blending unit built in 1963, plus fertilizer warehouse and shop in background.

delivered directly to the field. Effort here holds the C.F.I. Agronomy fertilizer franchise. Also in 1963 they started buying and shipping wheat and soybeans. An extra phone was added to the bylaw line to the village in 1965 and the mill operation switched from diesel power to electrical power. 1966 saw two silos constructed for grain storage including drying and cleaning facilities for receiving and shipping of local grains - corn, wheat and soya beans, and in 1972 four additional silos were added.

Staff in 1946 included Mrs. Nea Hacker bookkeeper, Russell Rich driver and delivery man, Harold Brown feed mill operator, Owen Rathbun dryer & tractor operator, Wm. Maynard driver and farmer/man, Charles McFadden, Morley McGuire, Glen White, Alex Campbell, mill, Clarence McWilliams were some of other employees over the years.

By then they were handling a complete line of livestock feed as well as supplements for swine, beef, all poultry in mash or pellet form under a Silver Cup (Canada Packers Ltd.) franchise. In 1977 they began manufacturing all types of feed under their own label. Growall provided various fortified minerals and numerous animal health products.

The bulk fertilizer capacity was increased in 1974 along with a new 70 ton platform scale to accommodate larger trucks and wagons. A new massive complex was built on a 2½ acre site south of Hamilton on County Road #8 in 1976. The $700,000 project consisted of two 24 x 100 foot silos with a capacity of 350,000 bushels. This gave the company an over all storage capacity of 500,000 bushels. A natural gas dryer could handle 1900 bushels per



Dryer and Storage Complex on County Road 8 south of the village.

being while salegoing facilities could handle 1000-10,000 bushels per hour. An added facility at the new site was a 80 ton hoist, measuring 60 feet in length with a 45 degree elevation to accept vehicles all types of flat trailers and trucks. In 1977 the motor system was introduced to conditions still ranges today with the cities generation trying to use tractors, bilge cranes and scanners.

A feed tower was added to the original mill in 1960-61. Also a second dryer was added to the large complex south of Shetland.

In 1978 *Russell's* son Robert graduate from Guelph and joined the family business. He is in charge of the yard management. In 1980 Tom's son Alex a chartered accountant joined the company as corporate controller. In 1981 Charles A. Elliot joined the sales staff following graduation from the University of Guelph.

Anhydrous Ammonia bulk storage was added in 1982 along with a Turnagator used for spreading fertilizer and now without compacting. Dry and liquid equipment includes 30 mounting wagons and 19 fertilizer spreaders.

In 1983 an overhead fertilizer blending mill was added to the fertilizer complex. The blending is done with the use of bottles.

Over the past 20 years office staff has included Ben Becker, Mary Macdonald and Mary Jane Seymour. Present office staff includes Jeanne (Hamel) Pranglay, Mary Campbell and Irene Tweedale. Mill employees include Larry Priebke, John Lesser, Roy Riedel and Geraldine Faehler. Elevator and maintenance workers include Ben Lane, Allan Kreutz, Jim Wright, Graham Deane, Bruce Gehl and Wayne Reverchon. Fred Smith, Scott Elliott and Jim Lesley drive the 3 tandem blower delivery trucks while Lorne Mills and Lloyd Smith drive the 2 tractor semi-units the single front wheel and 2 engine fertilizer trucks.

This year construction has started on a large 500,000 bushel storage bin, situated north and attached to the complex on County Road 3 south of Shetland.

As of June 1986 one of the original mill stones is being re-united on a concrete base and placed in front of the library.

Ken Cowell and Warren Brown in the Super Spook pulling tractor.

TWIN CREEK FARMS

Twin Creek Farms got its name from the two creeks now on each side of the laneway that empty into the Sydenham River.

The front was purchased in 1969 by Joanne and Warren Powers from Betty Belshyn following the untimely death of her husband Ray.

There were about 30 acres of rough pasture land covered with thorn trees and poorly fenced.

As Warren and Bill Douglas, Warren's brother-in-law) were riding around the hills and gullies in a horse-and-a-half buggy one day it became apparent that this land might be used for recreational purposes especially with the nature amphitheatre on the northwest corner.

In July 1971 Warren held the first organized horse buggy race. In 1972 monthly drive buggy and 4 x 4 races were started and in 1973 the first annual 4 wheel drive meet was held and continued until 1980.

Meanwhile in 1972 Bill and Warren bought an old Oliver 88 tractor from Ted Sharp in Shetland with plans to build a pulling tractor. Besides being

brothers-in-law, Bill and Warren were teammates in high school and naturally bragged about how good their farm tractors were. So, the first Florence Fair tractor pull in 1968 found Bill and Warren competing with each other. They competed separately until 1970, when they amalgamated their resources and became the "Spook 2 Pulling Team". They have become the most successful pulling team in Canada with the most powerful modified tractor in the country three alcohol fuelled Chevrolet engines totalling over 3800 H P.

The Off Road Racing of dune buggies and 4 wheel drives covered in his unpredictable for the amount of work involved, as the "Spook Pulling Team" started competing on the Canadian Tractor Pulling Circuit in 1975

When at September 1974 hooking was dropped by Edgemont Warren picked it up and the first Twin Creek Tractor Pull was held on a Sunday afternoon, with 1,000 people attending.

Twin Creek Farm Service was formed in 1974, a partnership between Warren and the late Ken Orwell. This was a custom hiring operation. The old flood lights were purchased from the Florence ball park and erected on the farm and in September 1975 Twin Creek Farm Service opened as a 2 day pull on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

This continued until 1978, when the partnership dissolved and Warren bought the Inwood Garage. It became Twin Creek Recreation and operated the pulling matches until 1983.

Crowds have steadily increased drawing a 1983 - with 15,000 attending and the only rainout since its inception was Sunday afternoon - 1984. For the past 9 years, the Twin Creek Grand National has been the largest tractor pull in Canada.

Many factors have contributed to the success of Twin Creek events. First, is the excellent hospitality shown those involved in the Sheltand community and the churches, friendly spectacular fleet of the Sheltland people have created an atmosphere that pullers from across North America are talking about. The 1984 Twin Creek Grand National ranked 4th out of 89 events when competitors voted. Secondly, the natural amphitheatre seating on the hillside allows for an uncrowded relaxed feeling. Third is the excellent food served by St. John's Anglican Church Anglicans; South Lambton Junior Farmers; Sunshine Kitchen; the Wesleyan and Florence Women's Institutes; Bethel Baptist Church; and Oddfellows Lodge of Florence who provide liquid refreshments. You certainly can't say the Sheltland is not on the map that no one has heard of

Hillside viewing is enjoyed at Twin Creek tract and tractor pulls.

ROBIN HILL RECREATIONAL VEHICLE BUSINESS

The Recreational Vehicle sales and service business was started in 1979 by Joyce and Ted Sharp. The large barn barn on the south side of the river road was torn down in 1978 and a drive shed was built in its place. One end of the building is used for a showroom and office. Only Canadian made, new motorhomes and trailers are sold. Used units are also reconditioned for sale. They also have a licensed depot for the sale of propane gas.

CHICKEN HATCHERY

In the 50's a thriving business was the Moorhouse hatchery. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Moorhouse had been hatching chickens for a number of years. They installed electric incubators in the early thirties and operated several units. The business closed in the late fifties.

Poultry Business 1986

Two poultry barns are situated on the Edward Sharp farm. The first one built in 1962 is 300 feet in length and holds approximately 20 000 started pullets in cages. The day old chicks are purchased from Caledon and kept in till they are 20 weeks old. At that time they are ready to lay or they are sold and shipped all over Ontario. Two flocks each years are raised in this building.

The second poultry barn 230 feet in length, built in 1966 is a laying hens which will hold 17 000 hens. However in 1986 a quota system allows only 8,800 birds to be kept.

Part time help is hired to gather eggs. Egg belts are being installed now to bring the eggs to one end of the barn. The eggs are sold to Gray's in Ridgetown. These laying hens are usually kept for 13 months. The poultry barns and field crops are managed by Ted and Joyce's son Ron.

STOR-MOR LIMITED AND LAMBTON CONVEYOR LIMITED

This grain dryer and storage bin business had its beginning in 1966 with Ray Moorhouse as owner manager operating out of an unused poultry house. Dryers and bins were sold and erected on area farms. In 1966, Alex Bolton joined Ray Moorhouse as a partnership. The Limited Company was formed shortly after that under the name Stor-Mor. The partnership dissolved in 1970 and in 1971 Ray changed the Ontario franchise for Esso-Bay bin dryers. A 130 x 60 foot building was erected on the premises lot 25 concession 1 in 1977 to accommodate offices parts and a fabricating shop. Lambton Conveyor Limited was formed in 1979 for the fabrication and sale of elevator legs and augers. In 1981 a 120 x 80 storage shed was erected. Rate makers 2 bookkeepers 6 full time employees and up to 12 seasonal employees

With sales close to 2 million on a good year this enterprise has been an asset to Sarnia and the community

Above picture shows the exterior of the fabricating building.

Left picture shows the grain elevator and crane truck used for erecting elevator legs

6 — Services

SHETLAND LIBRARY

The idea of a library for the Shetland community originates before the end of the nineteenth century. The Sunday school of the Methodist Church had a small library of good books that were read most by young and old. At the turn of the century the Department of Education loaned a travelling library but issues month periods

On April 16, 1900 a deputation for the establishment of a public library was registered in the Register Office. Names pertinent to the libraries Act. for a library at Scotland

The first board was composed of seven: Mr J. M. Bolkyn; President, Miss Hilda Dalbyn, Secretary Miss Eliza Peace, Treasurer; Mrs Robert Sinclair-house Mrs. Alex Bolkyn Mrs. L H Baldjay and Mr A.D Adams. Eighty-one books were purchased the first year for £60 12.

With no building to house books, the board members decided to rent a room, until they could afford to erect a building. In its first year a room was rented in the home of Robert Leask and Mrs Leask acted as librarian for the sum of £3.10 0d per year. The next year the board was increased to nine with the addition of Mr Frank Sharp and Mr W.A Sharp as members

In 1915 the library was moved to a small room in the Shetland Share building W.A Edwards was appointed librarian and in 1913 became the Board President. In 1916 the library was moved to the home of Mrs Alfred May with Jennie May as librarian Now books were added each year and the library now had many volumes as its shelves In 1917 owing to the death of Mrs May the library was moved to the home of Mr T Playfoot with Mrs Playfoot as librarian Mr Frank Johnston was appointed secretary after the resignation of Miss Edith Bolkyn, who had done so much to get the library started and acted as secretary since its beginning

Mr J H. Powell acted as President for 1918 and 1919 and Mrs Alex Bolkyn was President in 1920 Circulation and number of books available was steadily growing

In 1921 the library moved again this time to the home of Mr Alex Bolkyn with Mrs Bolkyn as librarian and Mr Clayton Sharp as president.

The Shetland Hall, badly in need of repair was purchased by the library board in 1929. Voluntary help and financial donations made it possible to put in a foundation and basement and a front entry Mr Donald Brown was president from 1929-1930 Mr Duncan McGillivray was elected president in 1930 and held office until 1940. During the depression years, of the early thirties The Hall proved to be quite a burden. Paint a new roof, shining and replacing plaster were some of the repairs carried out. In 1934, the Hall was sold to the United Church. In 1938, Shetland joined the County Library Association and enjoyed the exchange of books every 3 months

The failing health of Mrs Alex Bolkyn who had been such an energetic librarian, and her death brought the library near a standstill, no interest seemed to exist. In 1944 Mr. Roland Dalbyn was elected President and in 1946 a new building was considered Early in 1947 a lot was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Wilson and work was begun on

ORIGINAL — The original single room of brick building 16 x 25 was constructed in 1947 and officially opened in 1945 Funds were raised by a canvas of the community a Pro rated and township grant and $500 in borrowed funds for a total cost close to $2500.00.

the Shetland Memorial Library in memory of prisoners of the area and soldiers of two world wars. Grants received from the Ontario Public Libraries Branch and Brighouse Township Council a generous response to a community canvass and much volunteer labour enabled the building to be completed before winter. The official opening was held on November 3, 1968 with a banquet catered by the Women's Institute. J F Beckersett of London was guest speaker and Rev. Anson Moorhouse Jr. and a representative of council spoke. Mrs Frank Robinson was librarian from 1968-1981.

A special anniversary tea was held on November 1 1969. Mrs. Myers Elliott was elected president in 1966 and the fundraisers on the building was paid off on Nov. 1, 1968. Mrs Cecil Tinney was president and increased interest by holding monthly board meetings.

By 1981, when Mrs. Robinson was unable to continue as librarian, the board members took turns looking after the library until the appointment of Mary Jean Praggley in 1983. Rev. J D Woollatt was chairman of the board at that time. In 1986, the word was received that all Association libraries could receive no further grants. Rev. Woollatt was completed in late the motion to Brighouse Township Council requesting that they take over Shetland Library as a Municipal project and apply for membership in the County Library Association.

In 1987 under the new system, books from the library were available to everyone in the township free of charge. Natural gas was installed and the library Association accepted all bills for hydro, gas Heritage wages and cost of new books.

In 1987 Lewis Meier became Premier. In March, the Mary Jean Praggley high school work had increasing. Mrs Marguerite Slatio was appointed Secretary in 1988 and Mrs Dorothea Moorhouse was appointed as assistant in 1989. By 1990 the removal of a partition made the room large. additional shelves and a cupboard were put in. Mrs. Morhouse became Librarian when Mrs Blake retired in 1978 and Mrs Ruth Baldyga became assistant.

On December 20 1992 a Bank to Burns light was installed by Ontario Hydro on the pole beside the library. This project was sponsored and is still maintained by the Committee of the Moorhouse

ADDITION — The new addition measuring 20 x 24 was added in 1982. Bob Fennell drew up the blueprints and materials were purchased from Fennell's Lumber. Again there were numerous hours of labour contributed by community volunteers. The Eighteenie council budgeted the cost for 2 years and a Winter's Grant was applied for and received. The total cost of this addition was close to $25,000.00

SPACIOUS INTERIOR — Inside there are spacious, well lit reading and study areas. A carpeted area a picture window washroom facilities, a children's reading table and benches are all additional features. Another successful undertaking completed, which is well utilized by an active community.

book fund.

In July 1982 Mrs Robbyn retired and Mrs. Barbara Bookant was appointed as assistant to Dorothea Moodie-Dyas.

Circulation of books has increased dramatically over the past decade: from 2,042 in 1970 to 16,327 in 1980. In 1984, 15,267 books were borrowed from the tiny Mossbank Library.

Over the past 15 years there have been numerous displays set up for public viewing. These included oil paintings, water colours, crafts, tartans, cake decorating samples and collections to name a few.

Locally there have been art, writing and reading contests for the young patrons. Mrs. Bookant, as the present librarian is labelled, has many requests for books needed for school projects and coursework, from both elementary and secondary students.

During the summer of 1984 those young people participated in a reading contest. Each winner received a book as a prize. Family members participated too, because if children were too young to read, the book had to be read to them.

For the past 2 years, Barbara Bookant has held a story hour for pre-school children particularly. It is held in 2 p.m. on a week day. The library is also a centre for a weight-loss group who weigh.

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Mrs. Robert Jacklet Ritcliffe who for the past 11 years has resided on Lo 29, concession 2 is an local cartoonist. Her cartoons depicting some local people are found in many weekly newspapers in the area. Jackie and her family have been actively involved in church and community affairs.

in on Tuesday mornings at 8. They donated materials, met, entertain etc and support was another in their endeavours

Through the Lambton County System there is access to all county books Southwestern Region books and books through Inter-library loans. Tapes films records and cultural programs are also available

THE COMMUNITY WEIGH SCALE

On the front of James Dobbyn lot 20 con cession 2 there was a large platform weigh scale approximately 8 feet by 14 feet which could weigh a load up to 8 tons. It was housed in a building with a door on either end that large enough for a load of loose hay to be driven through. Neighbours would bring cattle hogs and hay to be weighed The fee was 10¢ per weigh Part of the original building is still located on the farm now owned by Owen Dobbyn.

The remaining stru ure of the original weigh scale building.

THE SHETLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

In August of 1976, Elliott Bros purchased the 1949 G M C fire truck from Inwood. In 1983 an addition was added to the shop and warehouse west of the new road to house the truck. Volunteer labour made the project less costly The unit has already proved its worth, as it was used to quell a fire in the feed mill put out several grass fires and clean pig barns, boilers etc.

About once a year in the decade between 1845 and 1855 the chimney on the Fairbanks Morris engine would catch fire With flames leaving sixty feet in the air Bastedi Elliott would race over in the T S Moorhouse home and Mutual would hand him the end of a 150 foot hose kept on a reel in the basement for just such an emergency Each time they managed to get the engine shut down and the flames doused without a major catastrophe Such was not the case with mills at Rutherford and Wilmot during the first half of the twentieth century

THE SHETLAND AIRPORT

Edward (Ted) Sharp received his flying lessons in 1938 and purchased his first private plane in 1940. At this time he built a 1700 foot grass runway west of the buildings running north and south on lot 24, concession 2. Bob Tinney keeps his plane on the farm and many others have used the strip coming from various points in Canada and the U.S.A. It has served as an emergency runway several times.

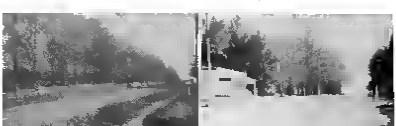
THE SHETLAND GAS COMPANY

The Combs Oil Company drilled several wells at lot 25 and 26 concession 5 Rujhcburn, hoping to find oil at the 2000 foot level but hit a pocket of gas instead.

Nothing was done with the gas until 1915 when five men from the community formed the Shetland Gas Company. They took a ten year lease to buy gas from the Combs Oil Company. Two inch steel pipe was purchased and a line was put in from the wells to Shetland. The pipeline supplied all the farms along the way and the village of Shetland with natural gas. The chairperson will also used gas to fire its steam boiler.

About the time the ten year lease was up salt began to cut off the gas supply to the wells, and the oil company could not renew the lease. The Shetland Company had no other place to buy gas so they pulled up their line and it was handed. Members of the company were Manager T.H. Moorhouse, I.H. Baldjey, W.A. Telerdale, Robert Gray and James Dobbyn.

In 1911, Union Gas tapped into their line going from Zone Centre to Dawn at exact half lot 24 concession 2 and put a line into Shetland. In 1976, a new 8 inch line was brought to the village from the line at 30 sideroad running between Huron the Fleet and Lee-ton.



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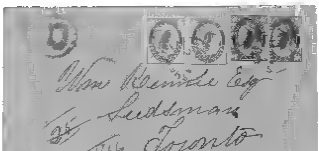


A registered letter sent from Shetland to Toronto in 1898 bore the amount of postage and Queen Victoria stamps.

Courtesy Ivor Bolton Thomas le

POST OFFICE AND MAIL DELIVERY

In the early 1800's John Drew the village blacksmith had a shop in Shetland at the gate across from the present store) His daughters Emily used to walk to Florence weekly to get horse shoe nails for her father and she would bring the mail back to Shetland carrying it in a basket. The neighbours called at the Drew house (Keech's now to get their mail

On May 1 1866 a post office was opened in Bridge Mills The name Shetland was applied by the post office department originating from the Shetland Isles off Scotland Mr John Drew was the first postmaster

In 1875, the first store in Shetland was opened by Andrew Ward, who was also postmaster

In 1870 a post office was opened in the home of Richard Laird shoemaker It was located south of the hall (on what is Smith property now) The house was later moved to George Turner's farm (lot 36, concession 8) Mail then came to Newberry Sutherland a Corner now Calvin and on to Shetland The first mail courier remembered was Jas. McKenzie

With the adoption of the Rural Mail system about 1915 the Shetland post office was closed The mail then came to Florence and was delivered by couriers Wm McCreary George Thompson Walter Robson, John Armstrong, John Elliott Stanley North Wm McFarlane Sid Beechard Robert Elliott Harry Elliott John Elliott Jarvis and Phyllis Crockwell All Shetland residents receive mail addressed Rural Route #2, Florence. In 1972 the postal code 0N0 1S0 was added. On October 1 1983 Saturday mail delivery ceased to exist

Members of the first Shetland Picnic Corporation. Back row: left to right — Dunc Bolton, Joe Bushyon, Charlie Stevens, Clayton Sharp, William Bilton. Front row: left to right — Wm A. Edwards, Tom Moorhouse, Jill Harris, Lexi Badgley

7 — Shetland Picnic

About 1904, a group of citizens organized a picnic on the bank on the farm of A.J. Fosha (a former stonekeeper in Shetland) on lot 24, concession 3. The woods could be reached from both concession roads. A concert was held in the evening and the day was brought to a close with fireworks. After 2 successful years the picnic was discontinued for some unknown reason. However the idea had merit, as in 1908 a number of farmers in the area each subscribed $5.00 for the purpose of a picnic on the understanding, if the venture was successful, the money would be returned. This time it was held in the bush on the farm of Duncan Bolton. The land, lot 24, concession 3 was patented originally to Malden Burwell on June 28, 1880 and a few years later, later left the bush of the Bolton family by purchase from Martha Farland and then was owned by Duncan Bolton. Hard and soft maple elm, ash, oak and hickory were the native trees on the clay loam soil. Originally entrance to the beautiful woods on the bank of the Sydenham River was through private farm lands. When larger crowds attended each was sometimes through Bolton's fields.

The first officers were William Bilton, President Reginald L. Moorhouse, Secretary and Thomas H. Moorhouse, Treasurer. Information on finances the first few years is scant, but from 1911 the records are complete and interesting in today's reader. That year expenses were $16.40 for the band, $28.00 for the evening concert, $10.50 for the fireworks, $20.00 for the baseball team, $5.00 for printing and 60.00 for Bolton for rent of the grounds. At year end, they had a surplus of $82.10. In 1912 there was a loss of $54.31. But in 1913 receipts exceeded expenditures by $67.81. Music that year cost $18.00 for the Croton band. Temporary counters were erected in the form of a rectangle to comprise a booth, from which sales of ice cream, candies, fruit, bananas, oranges, lemons and soft drinks were made.

During the 1914-1919 war years some thought the picnics should be discontinued, since thought that with the entire work required by the absence of their sons on the fighting line that a day of relaxation was necessary to maintain consistent work and the picnic continued. The Municipal Council under George A. Annett as Reeve passed a resolution on June 24, 1916 that the annual Wednesday in August be recognized as a Civic Holiday. It con-

formed regularly on that date till 1939 when the date was changed to the second Saturday in August.

Many athletic events appear to all were the order of the day There were races for all ages jumping pole-vaulting swimming catching the duck affair with some prizes usually of small monetary nature The best baby was an event always creating interest and prizes were awarded Baseball tennis ball baseball and netball have been nearby common feats of Bowlancy Bodkwell, Oakdale Peatmoss Dresden and were matched and followed by many walk great rivalry and interest. Sometimes the teams came thirty to forty miles to engage in the contests Levi Bagsley and Thomas H Moorhouse had a motorboat in which picnickers might have a ride upon the river for a nominal fee prior to the first world war

From 1914, two booths were operated one by William Hilton and the other by Joseph Delsbery and their committees The success of receipts the disbursements seemed in fortunate gravity This was probably caused by weather or harvest conditions

In the early days coal oil torches lanterns and lamps supplied lighting when it became dark Later gasoline torches were used and about 1918 a portable Delco lighting plant was rented adding much to the evening programme

Many dollars from the proceeds went to the Red Cross Chinese Famine Relief Byron Stationium repair of Blackwell Hall and similar worthy objects of bounty Revenue continued to grow as the number of picnickers increased and by 1930 receipts from the booths amounted to $1,966.27 In 1932, 120 gallons of ice cream supplied by Rockwell Creamery cost $156.00 In 1941 it was supplied by the London Creamery the gallons were not remained but the cost was $180.00 Ice cream at that time was not mentioned and there was plenty of real cream used.

In the early years people came by horse and buggy and the trees and fences were the hitching posts In later years the automobiles provided transport and it became necessary to organize parking Admission to the grounds was free, the early years but later it became necessary to charge for the evening concert to meet the expense of the musicians and entertainers Admission to the concert was difficult to collect. As fire a portion of the grounds surrounding the platform was fenced. A series of tags was tried without great success and the problem was not overcome until 1926 when an ad became free to the grounds of 25¢ for each adult was first charged. In 1940 the admission was increased to 35¢ in 1950 to 50¢ in 1955 to 75¢ and in 1960 to $1.00.

Prior to 1900 the supply of drinking water was a problem It was usually brought into the grounds from nearby farm wells in a threshers water tank It is said that one very warm day just as the cream

Shetland July 15th, 1916

Yourself (and family) are sincerely entreated to attend Shetland Picnic on the 9½ of August 1916.

BRING YOUR BASKETS.

PROGRAMME IN AFTERNOON OF
SPORTS, GAMES, SPEECHES, SONGS, ETC.
GRAND CONCERT IN EVENING AT 7 00.

WM. HAYES, Pres. W. A. SCHOONER, Gen. Secty

ing concert was about to begin the water tank was empty. All sort of drinks in the bands hall beer and and the thirst of many was great. William Bolton was an expert in making lemonade, which at the time was very popular. Half a tons of lemons had been left unused as William Bolton announced the immense Money Bakery and Robert Fox carried water from the river in pails. The water lemon juice sugar and ice was put in large mash tubs and sold with a goodly profit. In later years a concession to operate the booth was sold to a parish committee to Levi H. Keighley, Robert McArdale or Alexander Bolton. A booth for the sale of food was operated by the Women's Association of the local church or the Women's Institute on occasions. The women were never charged for their concession rights.

In the early days and for many years John Farrell of Forest, Ontario, a jovial man of good humour and long, wavy grey hair was master of ceremony. He had a good voice and plenty of wit and humour. His services ranged as a magic lantern man to a master of light house. This was a cup of ot least 25 miles in 1910, the association presented him with a gold-headed cane. When he died in 1940 there were many in the area who like many Eastwards Township friends. W.F. Macdonald of Lansdown County the Lansdown Mooney Corporation Manager, Mr. Samuel Hill, Farrell as M.C for a long time with great satisfaction

The first portable bandstand was built in 1906 and used in 1906. The platform was covered a 1907. A stand shelter was built in 1908, a cabinet used booth in 1907 and a lunch booth in 1908. The first picnic tables were built in 1940

A picnic in the 1900's meant taking your noon meal evening meal in a basket. A table cloth was spread on the ground and the food set out for the whole family

About 1953, the committee felt that Duncan Bolton was getting older and the farm might be sold the bank and that the community would lose the picnic grounds. Bolton had been used for many years a small fee or rental to partially recompense him for the inconvenience caused and the damage done to his property. The annoyance damage and inconvenience the Bolton family suffered, it is suggested was largely satisfied by their contentment in the enjoyment of others. The committee arranged

A Shellands family picnic held approximately 65 years ago. George Bolton Dave Leask, Mary Leask, Mary Bolton Fretwell Pringle Burton Hunnisett, Mrs Duncan Bolton

to purchase the bush from Bolton, he to have picnicking rights as long as he lived. They were advised of the possible liability if they became owners and it was suggested that a non-profit corporation be set up to hold title. Lochiel Parish for a corporation known as Lochiel Picnic Corporation were named by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario under date of 18th January, 1954, to read Harry Bolsby Esq. Gil Alexander Tessier Wilfrid Lefebvre Mrs. Roseland Dobbyn. Robert James Russel Gray all of the Township of Lochiel and the first directors. Eric O. Moorhouse a solicitor of London Ontario and a native of Lochiel, who maintained a branch office at Bethwell, acted for the directors

The directors granted out that the fence line between the Bolton and Gray properties was not along the blind line between the east and west halves of the lot, as a problem arose in normally quarreling lands existed a survey. When the Dobbyn family divided the lot there was an acreage in area division only. The directors were instructed to produce the blind land for the south side of it ordered and then measure to the point where the line fence between the Bolton and Gray properties met 25 ordered. The distance was 4 chains 51 links. These measurements from where the projection of the blind land met the river to the line fence was 4 chains 20 links. The fence had was then on a considerable angle from the middle of the lot. The previous conveyancing described the lands only from the road west with halves of the lot. By an Agreement dated the 10th of

July 1934 between the Bellona and Grays who owned the land to the east and the corporation, the boundary line was correctly established.

The southerly limit of the corporation property was 49 rods in length measured parallel to the railroad. The west line was some 34 rods to the water's edge of the river. There is an entrance way to the corporation's lands some 2 rods wide along the easterly limit of the Bellona property from the railroad. The deed from Bellona to the corporation is dated the 30th of January, 1934 and recites a consideration of $1,067.50 of which $667.50 was paid in cash and the balance secured by a mortgage which was paid off in 1942. It is suggested the price was $190.00 per acre for the grounds of some 10 acres and the balance for the house. The grounds and rest of the river comprise an area of somewhat in excess of 10 acres.

From the property of the corporation in 1936, lots were installed in 1937. The picnic committee was always well organized and the responsibility for the entertaining, for the grounds, for booths, for races, ball games, sporting events, baby shows, dancing concert, vaudeville entertainment, fireworks, was pretty generally shared by the members of the community. On some few occasions there has been no picnic at all, but for the most part, especially during the southerners has greatly favored that local summer event.

In 1940, Wm J. Davis donated the 2 stone pillars, located at the entrance to the picnic grounds. They were constructed by Frank Cliffel, a local stonemason, who resided on the premises.

The afternoon pinafore events, local music, speeches by local politicians and the evening concert encountered some problems with acoustics. There were many competing sounds, laughter from the nearby ball games, notes from the room and, latterly motorboats upon the river. It was not additionally overcome until 1964, when a loud speaker system was installed.

In 1940, a well was put down on the grounds and in 1941 a pump to a storage tank was put up for many children who have never seen a water pump. The water is good with a slight sulphur taste but always cool and thirst-quenching.

During the war years, fireworks could not be procured and were dropped but were inserted again in 1942. In 1941 basic races were made part of the entertainment programme.

Some prominent guest speakers were invited over the years. In 1946, Sir Rook president of C.A.C. spoke followed in 1947 by Lestie Frost in 1948 and Hon. Paul Martin in 1952.

Following the second world war with the advent of outboard motors and the ease of transport of boats by automobile many people commenced coming to the river from nearby cities and town. In U.S.A launching their boats from a place where a small stream entered the north side of the Spanish River by crossing the grounds of the Bellona Station. They were trespassing over an unfenced piece of land owned by Levi Harris Rodgley lying between the river road and the river. The officers of the picnic corporation realized full well how this might interfere with not only the aquatic sports, but the picnic generally and they purchased some 9 acres + and on the north side of the river from Levi. He sold Rodgley on 8th December 1952 for $500.00. That purchase gave effective control of the river surfaces to the picnic grounds. Levi Harris Rodgley and Thomas Bolton both conveyed whatever interest they had in the river to the corporation.

Profits were devoted to improving the property. Races were created, grounds levelled for a baseball diamond, trees planted along the laneway and tenders constructed. Members of the corporation planted many trees which have more grown to considerable size.

Entertainment has taken many forms. Bands

from Bridwell, Crofts, Brough, Thomas, Mavis Grind, Petwall, Weisdale and other places played in the afternoon and evening and are remembered for the quality of their music. For the passing of a score of music, humour, delight of local artists and dancers the committee for almost 50 years, under the Chairmanship of Clayton Sharp latterly Harold Dodgen, was always very careful to choose artists of the highest calibre.

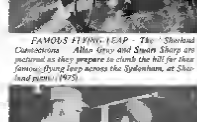
By 1959 a skiing and water slope had taken the place of boat races. In 1960, the Shetland Boat Club took over the water slope and for many years has added much to the success of the picnic.

On the 6th of May 1965, the corporation conveyed all the lands acquired by it to Strathclyde Valley Conservation Authority incorporated under the Conservation Authorities Act of the Province of Ontario for consideration of $1.00 on the condition that the same would be maintained in perpetuity as a Conservation Area and Park for the inhabitants of the community of Colonsay and that the community might continue to operate the picnic as heretofore and the local boat club could continue as it had been. Many improvements have since been made, picnic tables erected in the property roadways improved, parking area marked, and roads and fences improved. Many people come now to this area to rest and enjoy the quietness of the beautiful country side. Family picnics are a regular sight, and group camping is allowed.

In 1971 a tug of war was part of the day's entertainment. The minutes recorded in 1972 state that the Boat Club was given [illegible] of the con-

This photo shows Tweenie lining up for competition in 1975. Each entrant had to gunnel-hop upstream in the marker and angle paddle back to the finish line.

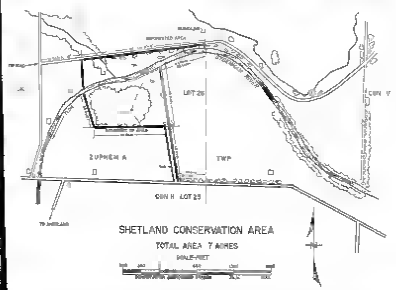
FAMOUS HIGHLEAP — The Shetland Comedians Allan Gray and Sandy Sharp are pictured as they prepare to climb the hill for their famous flying leap across the Sydenham, at Shetland picnic (1975).



EXECUTIVE AT WORK — Busy as the executive for the Shetland Picnic Association felt it must try a pea stan of bottles and prestige as these three men can attest. Shown here as they look up connections on the propane stoves, on Tuesday night before the picnic are, left to right: John Bragg, Secretary Owen Deakyn, President Ted Sharp, Past President. The Shetland UCW ladies sponsor a booth which is their biggest money making project of the year, as well as one of the busiest and tiring days of the year for the diligent workers.

Lew Badgley and Thomas H. Moorhead had a motor boat in which to make excursions from a fish camp on a mainland site, established by the first World War.

Fishing insurance fees make such pleasures unattainable today. However, the power boat is in full use for the day's activities.



in payment for their show. By 1974, the entrance fee was raised to £1.50 then to 60 in 1977.

About 1972 canoe races were introduced under the direction of Donald Craig. Many local canoeists members of the Esplanade Club participate.

The mile swim is a big event each year along with swimming and diving competitions. There is usually a scramble for a watermelon, but in 1978 they used a live duck in place of the melon. That same year a big man put across the river. It was scraped and contestants were invited to walk the leg.

Hardly a year passes, without 2 or 3 young men participating in a comic event during the local show. The Shetland Connections were formed one year. They attempted to leap the river on bicycles from a hilltop vantage point, with the aid of a rocket. Sorry to report the hilltop was a failure with the entrants land a retrieving dip and the cycles were retrieved. They promised they would try again, using a manmade ramp as a starting point, and two rockets as propellants.

A new competitive sport introduced the past few years is log hawing contest. There are classes for professionals and amateurs with women, men and children competing. Here we see Sean Pennett and Cathy Leonardie sawing their way to first place in the 1984 competition.

In 1975 4 entrants took part in the mile swim and all finished. From left to right: Scot Montgomery, 13 of Tulloch-ville Southern Ontario finished 4th; Dugal Smith 14 of Cruzan finished 3rd; Wendy Smith 16 of Cruzan finished 1st; John Stage secretary of the Shetland Pirate corporation. Back row, left to right Dave Dobbyn, President of the organization, Joe Elliott 18, of Shetland, who finished 2nd in the event.

In 1984, Princess Anne, Mrs. was presented a memento and a cruise ship of Cunard Cruise liners of Glasgow who won the mile swim. Robert Gray was second, Marilyn Powers (left) of Shetland won 3 firsts in swimming and diving events.

Chas. Shapp

Dr Bruce

Frank Johnston

Captain Shapp and Robert Brownlow were 2 committee members who attended the picnic every year to unlock a year or so of their duties. Frank Johnston was another loyal supporter. He acted as secretary of the association for some 45 years.

Most of the men of the community have at one time or another held an office in the association and it is interesting to note how many of the sons followed in their fathers footsteps. The picnic has operated on a labour of love and no person has been paid for services in preparation for or the holding of the picnic.

Expenses have been steadily rising and attendance has dimished over the past few years. The admission fee was still 25 cents per adult with children, 2 and under free in 1964. The Campbell Pipe Band cost $50.00 and the fee for entertainment was about $350-$400. As a result, the picnic has operated at a loss since 1960. Reluctant although the task was, from financial disaster than for last one we have had to face the future holds.

SAWDUST SCRAMBLE — A special race for all children 5 and under in the sawdust scramble for candy and coins. These tots were just one of the groups digging for a reward in 1964. A full slate of land races is held each year for children of all ages.

Past and Present

8 — The Sydenham River

Bear Creek until 1868 and now called the Sydenham *River* has always played an important part in the life of the Shelburne community.

In the early days, when there were only trails through the woods it was the main transportation route. During the winter logs were cut hauled and piled in great quantities on the river bank below Richard Dobbyn's home.

In the spring when the water level was high the logs were floated downstream to the mill, possibly Boisvil at first, then Breeden and Wallaceburg.

River water power is no operated the stone grist mill and a saw mill, located one-half mile from the village. A dam was built to divert the water flow through the mill and fish below the dam were so abundant they hauled them in with dip nets and said "there are a profitable business."

Before hydro power came to the village in the early thirties, the refrigerant was ice so the families worked together to put in the year's supply of block ice. The large blocks were cut, loaded onto sleds hauled up the bank and stored in sawdust, cabin in sheds to be used on the farm or in the village ice house to be sold by the local merchant.

The scene at Bellwoods Park when the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority holds Canoe Races on the Sydenham each April.

The river supports many pleasure activities today just as it did in the past. Skating was a favourite winter pastime years ago for there were no sports complexes then. Tobogganing and sleigh rides were fun activities as the sleighing bands in the village can attest. Ice fishing was popular at this early time since fresh pickerel dinner makes a welcome change today as any winter angler knows. Snowmobiling is another activity enjoyed by Sarnians and folk during the winter months. To greet the season along at high speed on the smooth ice then suddenly come upon a patch of open water — and try to portage like Enid Knevel. I'm sure there has been the odd water logged machine retrieved from 8-9 feet of icy water.

EUPHEMIA PARTICIPANTS — Included from left to right) Greg Lunn of R R 2 Florence, John Vachier Tracie Downie and Janet Sinclair of R R 2, Bothwell. Behind is Kevin Norwood. Home for the weekend race from Toronto.

VIP WINNERS — Don Craig (centre) race coordinator from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority is flanked on both sides by winners in VIP race Bill Bolton (left) and Alan Day (right) representing Euphemia township council.

When spring arrives and winter snow accumulation melts, the Sydenham is very apt to overflow its banks. Years ago, the water level would rise slowly and dissipate just as slowly but now with farms well tiled and many drainage ditches to carry great quantities of surface water the river levels remain high for several days.

Nothing can compare to the beauty and quiet repose of nature, as experienced in a canoe travelling downstream on the Sydenham in early spring or late fall. The sounds, the faint bird calls, the naked hills, and life in the water itself, seems as if it belongs in another world, as you glide along on the smooth surface. Suddenly you hear the sound of running water and you realize the next bend to find yourself paddling you way through a section of white water rapids. If one could view the river from the air as it snakes its way through the countryside between Strathroy and Florence you would appreciate the fact, that it traverses a course no less than 7 miles in length. Each spring the St. Clair Conservation Authority sponsors a canoe race. For the past few years, the race has begun near Augusta and finishes at Strathroy Conservation area. Many of the local participants belong to the Euphemia Canoe Club, organized by Don Craig. The canoe race is a popular event bringing participants from many places to Canada.

For the past 8 years, a fishing derby has been held on May 24th weekend on the Sharp farm. As many as 120 persons have paid the one dollar registration fee permitting them to fish in the Syden-

FISHING DERBY PARTICIPANTS 1982

FISHING DERBY WINNERS in 1965 — Back left to right: Dave Thompson of Thamnie — 5.17 lb for second largest fish weighing 1 lb. 11½ ozs; Rob Young of Chatham — £12.00 second for catching 2 fish totalling 2 lbs. 3½ ozs. James Wilson of Florence — £27.00 first for catching 2 fish totalling 4 lbs. 5½ ozs. Front left to right — Jim Kipps of Croston — £25.00 for largest fish weighing 3 lbs. 8.4 ozs. Shauna Webster of Florence — £5.0 for smallest fish weighing 9½ ounce.

hats for 3 hours and have their catch weighed, to be eligible for a prize. Gordon Pringley and Barry Osborne equalled the event for 1966 and Pat Wilson, Orphir was declared second-in-charge. Fish caught this year included starters, lions, chimney catfish and sheephead, ranging in size from 3 lbs 8.4 ozs to ½ ounce. Plans are being finally ironed out for children of all ages and a time for fishing and weighing for the adults as well.

The Shetland Boat Club made the event successful in the summer months as they provided for their Shetland Picnic under their Thane have been exhibitions of all types of water skiing one on two skis barefoot, on a soccer ding a bend stand, many jumping stakes ballet show stakes, over and under 3 show stakes and 360 degree turns on banana peels (trick stakes). The youngest participants have been Margaret Ann Gray at age 2 and Margaret Ann's daughter Alice Wright also age 2. There have been a number of riders who were 50 plus. One Sunday there were 35 boats in the river ranging from Leith Mooboats a homemade Sea Flea with a 10 H P motor to the largest motor boats belonging to Bob Pennell and Jim Stevenson.

For a number of years there was a water wire bridge across the river. This bridge was manufactured and constructed by Roy Elliott and used as a short cut from his farm south of the river and the first concession to his farm north of the river to originally the Powell farm.

Over the years the majority of Shetland children learned to swim in the river at the park and spent many an hour swinging out over the water on the rope tied to the maple tree then dropping into the water and swimming to the bank to repeat the procedure. Many swimmers learned to dive from diving boards located on both the north and south banks over the years.

HIGHLAND NAMES

When I moved into the vicinity of the Shetland, Finnlow and Florence surnames due to 1966 a rather unique situation prevailed. Nearly all the young men, born in the 1940's and early 50's surnamed commence — so instead of identifying a person by surname you had to learn double labels. Many of those labels are still so prominent today, as they were back in 1966.

THE SUTHERLAND CAMP OUT

One day in the summer of 1959, a group of young Shetland area lads decided they would go on a two day camping spree. The spot was selected on the river flats at the Charles Elliott farm. Everyone invited was told what they should bring by Greg as he was the general organizer. Colourful tents and sleeping bags were out in order of the day in deep-sewer years so each boy brought along a couple of blankets some dishes silverware and food. Pat Sutherland was designated the cook, for who had a birthing suit in those days?) and having mad lights. By supper time everyone was famished and exhausted. The meal was cooked on a camp fire and the usual camp ghost stories related. When darkness fell a decision was made to sleep on the lawn near the house rather than by the river.

By this time it was pitch black, and numerous mosquitoes were out in swarms. Now Shooter was prone to sleep walking so it was decided to tie his toe to Owner's toe so anyone would be alerted if the need arose. Tobe wasn't going to let any mos-

quite bother him so he rolled completely up in his blanket head and all

At the first crack of dawn the campers started to move and everyone was awake ready for breakfast Franz was looking for firewood Shooter was sent to the barn house for fresh eggs and Fogg insisted the milk now in the pasture so warm milk was available on tap After another strenuous day of activity everyone enjoyed a supper of canned sausage which Jack had brought from Mother s pantry shelf Since the mosquitoes hadn t gone on holiday it was agreed that the second night should be spent on the parlour floor Admiral and Rusty were not in on the camping but they were on hand to do some tending and surrounding and the year old Rowdy wandered home to see what the big guys were up to By the second day at noon the food supply was depleted lack of sleep was causing some irritability and nearly everyone had reached at departing time on at least by the following day So ended the Sydenham Camp out

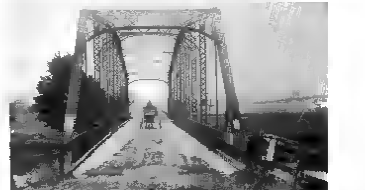
Can you identify these names in and around Shelburne? Bennett, Cooper, Scobie, Sharpe Crasser, Penny Feist, Tiny Gonder s Tavo, Oscar Skene Nat Soules, Fog Bait, Flog Fishy Fe ase Daffy

BRIDGES

The first bridge across the river was a foot bridge, followed by a wooden bridge set on a pier in the centre of the river built by John and James Pobbeyn The next bridge was a steel one which was set on cylinders and built by Greenshields Inc caused the cylinders to collapse and it was washed away A temporary steel bridge was erected and had to be taken apart to let logs through

Extracts from Euphemia Council minutes report that on March 18, 1867 Dobbyn s bridge was reported unsafe Lyndhurst Smith and Wilbert Mowbray were recommended the building of a new bridge On November 5 1867 — Wm Elliot made a motion and Wilbert Mowbray seconded it that the tender of Wm Law of the Central Iron Bridge Company Peterborough for the sum of $4 900 00 be accepted for the erection of an iron bridge across the River Sydenham, on the site known as Dobbyn s to be completed by January 1, 1869. Bylaw 178 authorized the work and bylaw 177 authorized the borrowing of money for it It was completed by August 9, 1869 ahead of schedule

The present bridge was constructed in 1961-62. The contractor was G A Gibson and Sons Ltd from



BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

Old cold ... g river ... edge facing south toward Shoreland

Worcester Ontario and the contract price was $68,168.00. Since the road along the river was heading to and's towards the river a piece of land was purchased from Roland Bobbyn to build a new road west of his farm buildings.

Marguerite Blake and Ruth Bobbyn fed the workers while they were on the job site and the men lived in construction huts.

Did you hear about the body found floating in the river? It happened some years ago. Two couple met from the bridge so as a crowd gathered Tom Elliott and Roland Bobbyn got into a boat and paddled up for a closer look. It was turned face down as hair matted and its legs heavy pulled down by the current

When the question was again asked "Who was it." Jake Bragg replied chuckling a bit. Who, just a body that I made. Quiet Bobbyn was in it too. We made the thing of rock wood plastic and horsehair

The river has also taken its toll. Over the years there have been two drownings an adult and a child and old stories record the loss of livestock from mire to time

Bridge built in 1961 to use today (1965)

9 — School

It is believed that the first school classes were held in the log church, which was built in 1836 Maria Gibson was the first teacher A log school house was then built south of John Drew's blacksmith shop which was located on the north part of the gore formed by the concession road and the river road about 1841 At this time a piece of land 30 feet square was purchased from John Dobbyn There was just a pathway between the school and blacksmith shop When the log school burned the pupils met over John Dobbyn's brick cellar

Mr. and Mrs. George Hyde
He left at Hagerman's

Records show that by deed on the 7th of March, 1883 registered the 21st of April 1883 as No. 582 William Sobbyn yeoman and his wife Ellen Jane conveyed to Henry Moorhouse William Fenby and Thomas Moorhouse Sr as trustees of S S No 1 part of lot 25 concession 3 commencing at the south west angle of the lot thence north one chains and 50 links and going to a depth of 4 chains

On this piece of land (south of the present hall) a frame cottage was built for a school and the school property in the gore was sold to John Drew

Teachers listed from 1836 1877 included Miss Gibson, Mr Wynne Mr Silcox Thomas Hall Walter H Moorhouse Miss Irving and Miss Scrimsh An early settler and teacher in Scotland was Wm Armstrong known as Pay in Peggy He was born in Edinburgh Scotland in 1821. He emigrated to Canada as a young man and took up teaching He received a land lot from Colonel Talbot in 1851 He was the first competent to hold a first class teaching certificate in the township of Zone, County of Kent now Raphael(e) After teaching for nearly 46 years he retired on a government pension of $250 a year

For the next 3 years he interested himself in township matters working as assessor and clerk. His vast experience made him a travelling encyclopedia on almost every conceivable subject

He acted as justice of the peace and did much work in the way of conveyancing as a representative of Colonel Talbot. He established a post office which he had the honour of naming Aberlehy after a village near his birthplace in Scotland. He died at age 83

Mark J. Bobbyn
Rear Street at Englishtown

Mr Richard Bobbyn was one of the early teachers in Shetland and was also a magistrate for many years Having taught school in Ireland before coming to Canada I was no doubt his influence as a teacher which laid a firm foundation in academic education for the early inhabitants of the Bear Creek community Mr Bobbyn displayed a vast knowledge of mathematics and science and excelled in penmanship He enjoyed making sun dials vertical horizontal and equatorial Another item exhibiting his skill was his ability by placing a lamp in the centre to represent the sun he could show the day s length in any months or hours

Honour Promotion Certificate 1870 Teacher Walter H Moorhouse

Early picture of school (about 1880's). Note size of the trees and wooden fence. The top of the Old Mill House can be seen in the background on John Baldwin's farm.

About 1870 the school became well mapped out in the township by deed dated December 1 1877 registered December 21 1877 as No. 2660, Hiram P. Ross conveyed 1¼ acres n lot 34 con number 2 to the trustees of school section No. 1 In 1878 a brick school was erected on the southern edge of the village and the first teacher in the school was Elizabeth Wilson, who later married Alexander Baldwin.

When the frame school was no longer in use, Alfred Moorhouse used it as a cheese factory Hattie Moorhouse Wilson a mother Emily used to make cheese cloth bands for the cheeses before Alfred Moorhouse married The factory closed in 1891. When Alfred went west Richard Laird used the building for a stable while he operated a taxi, shoemaking and repair shop in the village until circa 1915. Later it was moved to the back of the lot next door (to the south) and used as a stable and garage The east half of the building was used as an ice house in connection with the store Jack Levi Badgley and George Bolton sold ice from it

The early schools were heated with a huge wood burning stove with wood stored in the wood shed An oven in the stove pipe was great for warming food and drying mitts

After 1911 a gas jet was put into the furnace and the school was heated with gas Then we had fine as long as the mill water, churning too much pressure or some of the older boys, who were peeved with the teacher, hadn't closed the valve on the gas line, half way When gas was no longer available a new box stove was put in to burn wood and coal, then changed to oil heat about 1961. Drinking water facilities consisted of a pail and community dipper while washing facilities included a wash basin and slop pail. Primitive toilet facilities were provided outside near the back fence Later chemical toilets

[illegible] SCHOOLS

Course of study for Promotion from the Second and Third Classes, as adopted by the "Teachers' Association, February 9th 1881

Subject.	Third Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.
			Third Reader, Scott's Reproductive Geometry begun. Written Exercises.
SPELLING.	Tables Lessons and New Reader	Second Reader and Dictation.	
SPELLING.	Spelling from Reading Lessons, orally and on Slate.	Spelling from Reading Lessons, orally and on Slate.	Spelling Third Reader, orally, on dictated paper.
WRITING.	Writing on Slates. Small hand on card ruled. Transcription from reader.	Writing on slates and paper. Small hand on paper. Capitals and Figures. Transcription from reader.	Copy writing. Capitals and figures. Mark system, under changes, on cards.
ARITHMETIC.	Numeration and Notation to 10,000. Addition and Subtraction. Use of the signs, plus, minus, and parentheses and brackets.	Numeration and Notation to 100,000. Tables and mastering of the Compound Rules. Use of the signs, plus, minus, and parentheses and brackets.	Multiplication and short or the old W and Division. Practice.
DRAWING.	Water-fowls, as Simple Forms, (Page 1.) Box Short Lines.	Water-fowls, as Compound Forms, (Page 2.) Box (open) Black.	Water-fowls, as page 3. Vases of model for Flat and Round Bodies. Box Mixed Lines.
GEOGRAPHY.	Outline plans of the mainland, Mainland of Shetland, Isles Natural Islands of Shetland.	County of Lanarkshire thoroughly Mainland. Isles, Islands, Lochs, Rivers, Mountains, Industries.	Palestine—Sketch and Book Map. Lives of Abraham, Joseph, Moses, David, Solomon.
GRAMMAR and COMPOSITION.	Formation of sentences, with the 10 parts of speech, words found in Reading Lessons.	Sentences, combining words from Reading. Meanings of words and phrases in Reading.	Parts of Speech. Analysis of simple sentences. Adjectives, pronouns, and, with pen, compositions, problems, composition, letter. Description writing.
OBJECT LESSON	From Tree, Weight and Color of common objects.	Air, its uses. Sunlight and Heat thoroughly practical. Its Its changes every year.	Elephant, Whale and Lion. Its changes every year.
TEMPERANCE AND EVIL.			Digestion and Stimulants.

Singing, Drill and Calisthenics as an Optional Programme.

Fourth Class Course, equivalent to High School.

Special Lessons for Third Class:—John Adams' text and Latin, Grace Darling, Animal Training, Fishing, The Inventor's Progress, Ti Hawes' Duncan, The Escapes of North Americans, The Battle of Quatrebras, Knights, Fenelon's Attempt to Improve Nature, The Great Exhibition The Champagne and the Sherpas, About the Great

BY ORDER OF THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

C. A. BARNES,
INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

The Teacher will please paste this Sheet Firmly over the Centre of the Blackboard.

Charles A. Barnes
Inspector of Public Schools
1880-87

PUPILS AND TEACHER OF S.S. #1 EUPHEMIA IN 1915 — Standing, left to right: Agnes Dobbyn, Joy Stevens, Mary Grey, Stella Johnston, Myrtle Bolton, Florrie Bolton, Catharine Fleming, Charlie Johnston, James Blakie, Charlie Fox and teacher Evelyn Long. Second row left to right: Verda Bridgley, Marguerite Dobbyn, Lizzie Fleming, Ada Stevens, Cora Bilton, Gladys Brownlee, Rose Bridgley, Mary Powell, Ila Bolton, Viola Tuton and Mildred Bolton. Front row, left to right: Harold Dobbyn, Bertram Johnston, Russell Grey, Oswald Moorhouse, Emerson Moorhouse, Orlando Johnston, Aubrey Dobbyn, Adrian Fox, Roland Dobbyn, Duncan Grey, Harold Moorhouse and Nelson Powell.

were put in the entry way. The belfry housed the large brass bell. About twice a year one of the older boys would ring the bell ceremonially energetically (but when the rope rose to sound the bell would make a 360 degree turn, and the rope would end up in the belfry. This necessitated locating a long ladder and a climb into the belfry to retrieve the rope.

Growing a school garden on the property was an annual project and "Arbour Day around May 24 was a day for raking the lawn planting trees and a trip to the woods to view wild flowers.

To the pupils attending the rural school the highlight of the year and to be the Christmas concert. About December 1 preparations would begin for the plays drills recitations etc. The concert would be held in the evening at the last around November 20.

The children and their parents would arrive along with grandparents, aunts uncles and friends until the may building fairly bulged at the seams and standing room was at a premium. One of the trustees or some prominent community member would act as chairman. The children performed angelically dressed in their Sunday best. Around closing time Santa Claus always arrived wearing his red coat and cotton whiskers to hide the teacher and distribute gifts from the Christmas tree.

Music was usually on the school curriculum. During the early years having folks were used to lead the singing class. Friday's Bonspiels were special as there were spelling matches and occasionally an afternoon of recitations singing and dialogue in preparation for special occasions such as Mother's Day or concerts. residents of the community. Mrs T.T. Mackinnon and Mrs A. May assisted the teacher with the music program.

About the mid-forties, a music teacher visited the school once a week and gave instruction. Mrs. McMillan was a well-known instructress. At that time local school choirs participated in music festivals -- and Shetland was acclaim as the Sarnia Music Festival an unsure consensus.

When pupils graduated from Senior Fourth (Grade 8 today) they continued their education at the Fessenden Continuation School. The old school was attended in 1911 and the new school in 1967 even had a Home Economics room and a workshop.

Pupils and teacher of S.S. #1 Eastlawne in 1930. Back Row: (left to right) Jessie Gray Doris Bolton Jack Bolton, Carrie Sharp, teacher Lola Bilyea. Front, left to right: Lloyd Bolton, Stanley Bolton Mildred Bolton, Dorothy Bruce Ole Bolton, Hazel May Tom Elliott, Lloyd May Allen Moorhouse. Absent were Phyllis Dahlyn Betsy Bruce

Pupils and teacher of S.S. #4 Lupus in 1936. Back row left to right: Jessie Alma Wright, Nancy Hall on, Larry Pressley, Mary a Hawes, Alec Baker, Winnifred Brown. 2nd row left to right: Noreen Elliott, Patsy Elliott, Shannon Bolton, Mary Jean Pressley, Margaret Brown, Gordon Pressley. 3rd row, left to right: Alan Gray, Marvin Greene, Ronnie Wilson, Murray Pressley, Percy Burk. Front, of to right: Clyde Cowell, Larry Dix & Robert Elliott.

Students travelled to school on foot on horse back, on bicycles in buggies and in cars. Some families and their neighbours arranged car pools. In September 1947 school buses started to carry students to and from high school.

In the early 1900's, some students boarded with relatives or friends to attend a nearby high school. Some attended boarding schools such as Alma College St. Thomas.

Teachers who remained in the community or were raised in Eutheania, included: Miss Evelyn Ing (1916-1993) who married Delbert Knowles; Miss Margaret Campbell (1921 1986) who married Telford Blackstone; Mrs Freda Robinson 1945 Miss Phyllis Dobbyn 1961 Miss Alma Wright 1960-1961

When the rural schools were closed in 1965 Mrs Clara Corbett (left) was the caretaker and Mrs Joan Downie (right) was the itinerant music teacher

Teachers 1 to 96 attended back left to right Margery Johnston, Margaret Turner, Gerry Duff, Mary Ross Mary Lou Bilton Front left to right Clara Corbett, Maryanne Hands Brenda Lampman

In 1960 the township school area was formed and a new central school was built as part of lot 28, concession 5. The rural schools including S S #4 closed their doors in June 1960. Since the new school was not ready for occupancy in September all pupils were bussed to Florence. Three classrooms were set up in the public school and used until September The new Eugenia Township Central School was officially opened on January 14 1960

The area of the school was 11,435 square feet, with a capacity of 210 students Enrollment in 1960 was 196

The contract price was $139,994.00 and architect fees were $12 000.64 Furniture and drapery added $6,258 76 The 2 2 acres of land was purchased from Robert Annett for $5,000 00 The well is 72 feet deep The school is heated by oil fired hot water and has a 400 amp hydro service. Transportation consisted of a fleet of 4 60 passenger buses operated by George Boulin of Florence. Drivers at that time were George Boulin, John Bilton John Kerner and Bob Sargeant. Custodian was Bernie Bergsma

School board members were Fred Fletcher chairman Edwin Walker Vice Chairman, James Breithaupt Sherman Card Wilbert North Jean Armstrong Secretary-Treasurer

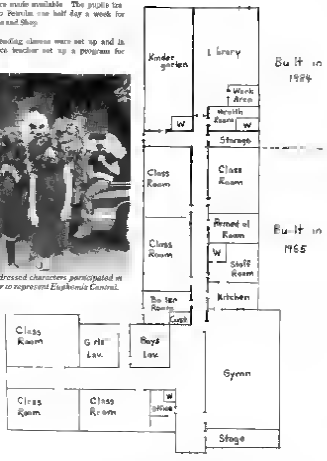
In 1969 the County school board was formed. Eugenia had one elected representative on the new board James Brengan

In September 1969 the first kindergarten class was started Mrs Ruth McDonald was the teacher and classes were held in a rectangular portable In 1971 a round portable was moved in to serve as a kindergarten room. The first portable became a classroom and a library was established in 1972. For a year part-time Marion Meredith organized a library in the storage room

With the advent of a county system Industrial Arts classes were made available. The pupils are bused by bus to Fairview one half day a week for Home Economics and Shop.

Remedial reading classes were set up and in 1969 a Resource Teacher set up a program for gifted child re

These well dressed characters participated in the Florence Fair to represent Euphemia Central.



Euphemia Township School

Ron Mansfield
Principal 1975-76

Jeff A mist ing Phil ger on s Shaeffer pens to Principal Syd Fletcher who moved to Forest in 1981 end is Vera Lanzarone who retired a ibration at Esplanade Central.

Speak ng Contest Pr nners in April 1974 were Senior 1 Donna Mu uuley Dianne Quintyalan. absent 2 Ann her Palatine Elaine Turner 3 Carol Johnston U.P.S s Junior 1 John Kerr My Trip to Eriean, 2 Janet Downie Ping Crosby 3 Trista Donnie Elocutionners 4 Colleen Ralston Elvis Presley.

FIELD DAY CHAMPIUNS — Winning trophies at individual champions were left to right, back row Billy Kerr Intermediate boy Vanessa Kane Intermediate girl, Darlene Blagg Senior girl, Mike Hyslop Senior boy. Front row Shawn Ellman Junior boy, Jenny Elliott Mite girl Jeremy Alexander Mite boy, Darlene Kubek Junior girl 1981

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION — Left to right Kristla Elliott school secretary gets information from Shirley Sinclair and daughter Janet, also Sara Sewell and her grandmother Mrs. Wilma MacRobert in April 1978

Principals over the years included: Gerry Darby 1966-1974 Dave Clements 1974 Ron Mansfield 1975-1976 Syd Fletcher 1976-1981 Robert Hoyt 1981 till present (1985) Board representatives have been Jim Brennan, Lorna Smith for Dawn and Euphemia Alex Gilroy for Brooke and Euphemia and Ed Gray for Brooke and Euphemia.

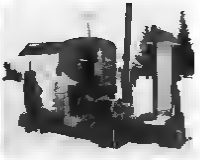
The present school secretary is Mrs Rosella Elliot of Bobcaygeon. She has held the position since 1978

Itinerant music teachers have been Jean Dowdle Elaine Lemon Connie Douglas (Concerns) Frances Lindsay and Dan Surman

Public speaking w[illegible] a 1986-8[illegible] A[illegible] Morwood Janet Downie and Kelly Munro. Mr A.C Moorhouse holds the Senior Winners Plaque.

STAFF IN 1982 B[illegible] Mrs. Ma[illegible] Karen Johnson, Mrs. Rosella Elliott M[illegible] Burnie Burgoyne, Mr. Murray Sharp, Mrs. Carolyn Willmore Mrs. Mary Lou Nelson. Front row left to right Mrs. Nancy McCurdy Mrs. Maryanne Handa Mr. Robert Hoyt Mrs. Eileen Patterson Mrs. Wanda Rich. The staff in 1985 is much the same except that Karen (Johnston) McLean took Wanda Rich's place and additional staff includes Brenda Bugnet. Itinerant teachers are Mary Ethel Douglas Resource Cheryl Keay Speech Pam Lindsay Music.

James Wm and J n Rich rson, Shelley M. Scott right— ho— off the floor during physical fitness.



The Grade 7 and 8 had an overnight trip to Forest United Church Camp in 1980-81 to enjoy winter sports.

In 1964 a 30 x 57 foot addition was constructed at a cost of $900 319 70 which included furnishings. This year became a new kindergarten room a library nurse s room and storage area. One portable is used for teaching French. Instruction in French began in 1971 for Grades 7 and 8. Today every student from Grade 3-8 receives 30 minutes of French daily.

There are still 4 buses in operation owned by McNaughtons from Watford. Drivers in 1985 are John Myers Bill Bochin Lee Johnston and John Vanderveen.

In 1984 14 students started kindergarten in September Eight classrooms were in use with 183 pupils in attendance Twenty-two students are registered to begin kindergarten in September 1985 so it appears the population is on an upward trend

There

KINDERGARTEN ROOM IN NEW ADDITION 1984

LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE IN NEW ADDITION 1984

EUPHEMIA HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

On November 15, 1967 a meeting was held and the first executive members were elected. Gerry Berry was the Principal Advisor. President Norma Wright, Secretary Treasurer Theresa Armstrong Program Committee Betty Annett Alma Brown Marian Elliott Joan Dearnley Lorrie Cunningham Jean Frangley Nora Wilkins Dorothy Macaulay Room Representatives 1 Pat Thompson 2 Phyllis Cumming 3 Maureen Elliott, 4 Darlene Read, 5 Ann Lunn

The first official meeting of the Home and School was held on January 8 1968 with over 100 parents and rule papers present.

Over the years money raised by the Home and School group has added many 'thrills' of benefit to the students. They have helped pay for swards, rugby jumpers bars, sweats, school uniforms etc and at the start of the year for skating parties and buses for class trips. They have held skate and book or ginger bread dances and card parties for families with a particular need. They have held social hours and are raising money to buy materials for the kindergarten Wendy Hooton

In March 1971, the group sponsored a family dance with a band in attendance. These affairs were an annual occasion for 10 years

In January 1972 hot lunches during the winter months were introduced. Soup was donated by each family and hot dogs were purchased and sold at a minimal fee

Aileen Rotunno donated an oil painting which hangs in the main hallway in November 1970

Card parties held on a regular basis during the winter months provide working funds. In 1982 Helen Mackenzie donated an oil painting as a prize draw at the final card party of the season.

In 1984 Jack Tywoniuk donated a wooden game table as a draw prize

The present executive includes President Shirley Hunter Vice-President Cindy Cross Secretary-Treasurer Linda Peters Hot dog convenor Mary Elliott, Soup convenors Betty Elliott and Sandra Barsnick.

The playground equipment is well used by the junior pupils. Funds helped to pay for it, years, etc. Some equipment was bought from the rural schools, some was purchased by funds raised by the pupils through chocolate bar and cheese sales

Tetherball and 4 square are played on the tarmac

Village view coming into Shetland on the River Road. It has been called Spruce Row since the early 70's. Mr. T.H. Moorhouse planted the trees in 1914, the year he was married to Muriel (Bobbyn)

10 — Homes

MRS RAYLEENE OLIVER (widow of Lynn Wilcox) (part west half of lot 24 concession 2) — The house was built on the Ron Wilcox farm south of the laneway along County Road #8. It was designed and built by Ron Wilcox and a friend from London in the winter of 1983-84. Mrs Oliver moved into the house on December 12, 1984. The house is 28 feet x 40 feet, has a full basement, large kitchen living room, two bedrooms, one bath and a laundry room. It is electrically heated but a wood stove supplies most of the heat.

LYNN AND RONALD WILCOX (part of west half and east half of lot 24, concession 2) — This 200 acres property was deeded to Arthur Forbes from the crown in 1848 under Colonel Talbot's jurisdiction. It stated that rights to gold, silver and white pine trees were excluded. It seems that John Swan owned the south 100 acres in 1862. About 1896, the Wards owned the property and Alfred Peeks bought it sometime before 1905. The Gaines family lived there in the early 1900's and the Jim Vosburg family resided there after. Jeffrey family moved in about 1924. John Smith purchased it from Mr

Peake. The Smith family was raised there and included Gordon, Ronald, Rhea (Fay), Inez (Mrs) Archie Martin Mary (Parsons), Maurice, Eleanor and James (Millard). In 1961 Glen Wilcox purchased the farm and the Smiths moved to Tupperville. Louis and Glen lived there, with their family. Ronald, Dennis and Caroline (Williams) until 1968, when they purchased a hardware in Chatham in August 1968. Jean (Hutchesson-ey) and Norman Hill rented the house until March 1969. Since then while they lived there they purchased lot 16, concession 3, where they still reside. Connie and Bernie Burgoyne lived in the house from March 1969 - 1984. Their family included Talbot, Peter, Patricia, Jan and Bill who was born while they lived there. Burgoynes moved to the farm on the west half of lot 17, concession 4 which they had purchased. In 1984, the Wilcox family built a new home, east of the old house. It was a one storey home with no basement. The main house is 26 feet wide and the double garage is 36 feet wide. The length totals 83 feet. Travis Rose of Dresden were the builders. The home has a kitchen-dining area living room 2 bedrooms 2 baths, 1 laundry and storage room. The house was electrically heated originally. Glen's son Ronald purchased the farm in 1974. After Glen a death Leola (Howse) moved to Chatham in 1987. He installed an insert in the fireplace and it is used mainly for heating now. In 1983 he married Lynn (Oliver). They are presently replacing the original wooden oak trim, and a fountain adorns the front lawn. At one time there was a house, house and small barn on the property south of the present laneway. We believe it must have been torn down in the late 20's and there is no record of occupancy.

Old home on Wilcox farm

MARINE AND TOM ELLIOTT (part west half of lot 24, concession 2) — In 1883, a half 100 x 2 foot was purchased from Glen Wilcox on the east side of Lemieux County Road 8. A well was drilled and good water was found about the 42 foot depth. In early 1914, a basement was excavated and after getting ground sense permission with water and sand consideration was started on a house between house with a basement. All local people did the wiring, plumbing and finishing. Homer Bailey and O. Tegerdine were the main carpenters. Ira Brownlee did the wiring and plumbing. Maxime and Tom moved into the house in 1916. In 1965, an addition was built, which included a family room, bedroom, bathroom and garage. Maxine McLachlin) and Tom's family raised here includes Patricia Osborne, Sue Anne (Northcott) of Chatham, Alex Mary Maidment) of Toronto, Ruth of London Christine (Johnson) Blenheim.

1885. MARY (CHARLES) ELLIOTT. (W lot 24, concess on 3) — This house was on to a 2 story hotel built in Cairo, by George Tanner. In 1889, the hotel was sold to Richard Whalen who was hotel

keeper until 1969. At one time it housed the Royal Bank and a shoe repair shop. In 1969, dinner were sometimes held there. It was then made into apartments. John Heffernan bought the building and the kitchen part was sold to Ernie Wallace who moved it away. This part later burned. Richard Wishart again purchased the hotel as a family residence and his son, Jack, remodelled it making it into a one story residence. Charles Graham bought it in 1945 and lived there until 1951. In August 1951 Harry and Ila Moorhouse bought the house and had Dave Smale of Newbury move it to Shefford to its present location. George Palmer helped put in the second the basement and built cupboards and kitchen closets. Harry and Ila moved into the house in 1952. He passed away in 1966. Harry in 1974. The house was sold to Eldred Frost at the auction in March 1976. Robert and Catherine Osborne lived in the house when they married in 1975, and built their new home on Bush Rd. April, 1978. In June 1979, Rick and Corinne Elliott moved in until Christmas 1979 when they moved to lot 21, concession 1, Brigham. Mrs Mary Elliott moved there in 1981 and still resides there.

AUDREY AND ALEX SOLTON (part west half lot 24 concession 3) In 1948, Alex Bolton built a three bedroom brick home on a lot just north of his general store which he owned. The house was purchased from Mollat and Powell and allowed to dry for a year before it was used. A carpenter named Stephenson from Watford worked for $1.25 an hour plus his dinner and his two helpers received $1.00 an hour plus a meal. The house has a full basement, a complete car garage and a forced air furnace. There are hardwood floors throughout and a full bath. A special feature at that time was a Thor automatic clothes washer onto dryer and kitchen sink combination. It was in use for approximately 10 years. The season still sports the original roof made of Johns Manville solid asbestos shingles with all copper valleys and flashings. Alex says it should last at least, until the turn of the century. There are two Japanese walnut trees about 50 years old, still alive on the property. These appear to be sterile as I have not seen any nuts. The property was originally owned by George Palmer in the early 1800's. In 1967, the story here was moved from the Meadows farm onto the property and converted into SAL's stables. Alex married Audrey (Webster) in 1950 and they have two daughters Shannon (Sallis) of Pelzella and Julie Faye (Kendall) of Chatham.

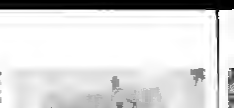
BARBARA ANN (SAGE) RADGETT part of west lot 24 concession 3) This house was built by Royal Radgley father of Levi Radgley who owned the store it was there. It was built in 1866 on land that was called the Ward farm. It is not known if Mr Radgley had a deed for this piece of property as he married Mrs Ward that owned the farm. About 1900 Royal Radgley sold the house and lot to Alfred Pasko who had bought the farm across from before. The Radgley family went to homestead Peter Fruhs, Alfred's father moved into the house, then he moved a small barn over from his farm on the third concession. He lived there with his wife and daughter - until he was killed in a train accident a north Bothwell on his way home from Key Bridge. His widow and daughter lived there until Mrs Pasko died. The daughter left to live with relatives. The house was vacant for numerous years until Tom Playfoot married Sheila Rush and he and his wife moved in. Tom worked for Levi Radgley in his blacksmith shop. About 1950 the library was moved to the house and Mrs Playfoot was librarian

When the *Playfoot* lady let start farming, the house was vacant. George Palmer rented it in 1901 and lived there until he married Miss Sara Bellas, daughter of Thomas Bellas. Sara he brought the home and his. In 1912, George bought the 50 acres to the south from Mrs. Lou Buckley and planted more along the north side (1913) across on the property were 30-50. In 1957 they were 200-50, and in 1984, they were 8-42.00. George Palmer developed tuberculosis and spent a long time in the sanitarium in London. He died in 1961, at age 77. Mrs. Palmer worked in the sanatorium so she could be with George as much as possible. Mrs. Palmer sold the house and lot to Reverend and Mrs. J. D. Woollatt in 1962, as he was retiring from the ministry. He was well-known in Scotland as he had ministered on the Florence charge for the past 8 years. Mrs. Palmer moved to London, where she died in 1985. While the Palmers owned it, George built the porch on the house and planted a number of trees and flowers. He sold part of his lot to Alex Bolen, for Alex's new home. The Woollatts moved to Newmarket in 1972, while they owned the property Jim Rackett and his wife Barbara (Rosach) The Rackett's have two children, Amanda and Dan. In 1978 a well was drilled on the property in 979 the kitchen was completely renovated and a third bedroom was finished on the second floor. The house was insulated, a new roof put up, and a new gas furnace was replaced the old oil furnace.

GORDON SMITH (was part of lot 25 concession 3 — In 1876 Richard Lee owned the property. He was a shoemaker, and also had the post office in one end of his house. In 1912, George Bolen and his wife Agnes purchased it. They moved in with their elder child Kathleen (Richards). The other children were born there Stanley Harold David Bertie (Doherty) Ola (Brown) and Mildred (Belanger). In 1956 the Bolens moved to the white house beside the store where Alex and Shirley (Elliott) were born. The old Bolen house was then vacant for a long while. Fred (Crawford) and Clark Hills rented it for a while and finally the house was sold to George Tansley and moved to lot 28, concession 2. A modern garage type building remodelled where Wm. Bolen purchased it for. The little building was remodelled and a kitchen, bath etc. Ronnie (Rahrian) and Charlie Sellars lived there in the early thirties. When the Bolens moved, Mrs. Ethel Robinson rented the house from 1943 to 1961. She was Shannon, who also lived there. The Edward Briggs family lived there for about 2 years while their farm house was being renovated following a fire. Alvro Smith then purchased the property from Johnsons and the Wm. Playfoot family rented it in 1966-67. Gordon Smith now owns it. He and his family moved there about 1972. Gordon Jr. Monica and Sheila were raised there. Gordon remodelled the home adding a third bedroom, closing in a porch and installing a bathroom and utility room. Gordon is living there in 1984.

HELEN PRANGLE (part of lot 26 concession 3) — The first folk recorded living there were Alfred Moorhouse and his wife Elizabeth Armstrong. Their son Clinton was born here. While living there Alfred operated a cheese factory in the old frame school, north of the hall. The Moorhouses moved to S. Dakota, about 1880. Lafas Henry Moorhouse, parents Nathan and Emma Reason, lived there till they moved to a farm on the west side of the river. Ivie and Harry were born in that home. Then Alonzo Bradley and Edith Ward lived there. Alma, Albert and Keith (who drowned)

were born there. The Bridger family moved west to Manitoba. Jean Lees Bridger and his wife Sarah (Wilson) purchased it. Yvette, Reta and Irene were also as a child it was here that George Baker and his wife Agnes (Brown) bought it in 1930. They had lived in the house next door (now the property where Tchildren were born. Alex and Shirley Bailey were born in the house. George owned the store buying it from Bridger in 1936. In 1953 the store was destroyed by fire, so for a short time Mr Baker used part of the house for a store until a new store could be built on the original site. After George's death in 1965, Mr and Mrs James Coulter rented the house from Elliott Trow who purchased the property this same year. In 1968, Russell Elliott renovated the house. It was replastered, new kitchen cupboards and bathroom were put in, floors tiled etc. Mildred (Lessons) and Russell raised their children Robert and Catherine there, until 1981, when they built a new home south of the school and moved there. At this time, Russell Elliott traded his home for Earl Pringley's barns (the red brick house, north of the mill) and the red brick was torn down. The six Pringley children grew up in the house: Larry Murray Mary Jean Cliffe of Healdsburg, Calif. Carolyn, Georgia Ann Wilmore in 1972. garage and outbuildings in front of it were built. A Hydro well was also put down to get away from the sulphur water. In the fall of 1980 the house was torn down and in the spring of 1983 the veranda was moved in and the house sided with vinyl. A new cement floor was put in the basement and new sidewalks were installed in 1984. Mrs Helen (Stewart) Pringley resides there now with sons Larry and Gordon.



ROBERT TINNEY, start of west half of lot 25, concession 20. — The first we know of the south 50 acres of this pioneer farm is that Wm. McDiarmid was the owner. He sold it to John Boyer, the village blacksmith. When he died he left it to his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs T.S. Moorhouse. In 1928, Thos. S. Moorhouse sold it to his son, Thomas Henry Moorhouse. The south 8 acres belonged to Wm. Bellchys first, and then to his son Joseph. Also. The land on which the ball stands was purchased by Shotland in 1956. Stretched rights in the east side in itself partly on that lot 26 and partly on lot 24 (now the Wilcox farm). In 1918, Alex Bellchys bought the south 50 acres and 5 years later he sold it to his son-in-law T.H. Moorhouse. Mr. Moorhouse farmed the 97 acres until 1946. Wm. Bellchys had built a frame red, brick house on the south lot in 1858. The barns were remodelled by Alex Bellchys. The orchard was probably planted by T.H. Moorhouse and the gospel wagon at the buildings from a well a ways back on the farm. A windmill pumps the water into a storage tank at the well and it gravity feeds to another storage tank in the house. A pressure system takes over and supplies water to the house, barns and church hall. In 1946 Agnes (Bellchys) and Cecil Tinney purchased the farm. Early in 1949 the brick house burned and the Tinney family lived on the Bowen Gray farm for the better part of a year while the new brick home was being built in 1949. The Tinney family includes Dorothy (Macaulay) Robert, Mary (deceased) Noreen, Wilda (Ross and Edith (Cowling). In 1972, Robert Tinney purchased the farm from his father Cecil Mrs. Agnes Tinney died in 1980 Cecil remarried and moved to Bethwell in 1981 Robert resides on the farm now

Old home on Tinney farm

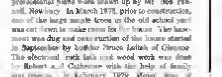
GILLIES AND HANK ROESCH (Part lot 25, concession 2) — Mr John Ross purchased 16½ acres from Jane (Hobman) Moorhouse. He also owned the north 60 acres, across from the church (Ramsay farm) and 100 more, the south part of the Wilson farm now. He farmed and worked as a blacksmith. Mrs. Ross was the practical nurse for the pioneer families. In 1880, John Ross had a farm sale and went west for a while to visit his son Wm. who lived in Manitoba. In the Ross's later years, Mr and Mrs. T. Moorhouse moved in to care for her parents. Mr Drew died in 1904 and Mrs Ross in 1909. From 1930-34, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Moorhouse lived in the white house south of the mill, while the house was being renovated and made into a two and a half story home. The original Drew home was a one and a half story home with a veranda on three sides. In 1934, the T.S. Moorhouses moved back and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary there. When Thomas S died in 1937, Clifford and Carrie Wilson bought the 16½ acre property and lived with her mother till she died in 1924. The Wilsons owned property in Moose Jaw there in 1929 then returned to Shetland and owned the 10 acres across the river between Jack and George Elliott are today) from 1928-1936 when the barn burned. In 1938 the house was rented to the John Frank family. Cliff died in 1942 and the property was sold to Douglas Tebbyn. Carrie moved to Smith ville to live with her sister Mrs. Palmer. Frances Tebbyn married Bob Fennell of Shetland. United Church a hub for family food as the village. Following his Tebbyn's death, the property was sold to Percy Roesch in 1961. He owned Rowen Economy Feeds in Chatham later moving the business to Thamesville. They sold the business in 1977 and for the past 4 years Hank has been superintendent of the Conservation Area park. In 1987 an addition was added for a family room. The addition was moved from the Frances Gray farm. In 1964, the Roesches enlarged the shortened bathroom. Their family includes Barbara (Roesch) of Shetland Linda (Pearce) of Florence and John of Hamilton

A mobile home was moved onto the H.J Roesch property in 1969. The Roesch's daughter Linda and her husband Grant Peters lived there for four years Then T were moved to the May farm and Mrs Alfred May lived in it. John and Barbara Roesch moved a mobile home onto the same site in 1975. They lived there two years. Then Alfred Mary McMillan moved a second mobile home on the property next to the Elliott's fertilizer warehouse in 1978 and lived there until 1977

ALEX AND PAT ELLIOTT (part of lot 4 concession 2 now his on the mill) — This home was built by Royal Badgley and Bert Ward on a 16½ acre lot across from John Fleming on the road which ran diagonally from Shetland to Florence. Joseph

Bobbys Harold's father lived there till they moved to the house now owned by Brad Sharp. All this land, now owned by Brad Sharp was once owned by John Bobbys, son of pioneer Richard Bobbys. John had the gravel and saw mill on the river. In 1890, Alec Auld moved this house to its present location, below the mill. It was renovated and Alan along with his family lived there. Milton Bobbys bought it put a basement under it and built a new story part on the back for a kitchen. In 1906, Thomas H. Moorhouse purchased the mill house and property. His son Colin Mc and Mrs Thomas Scott Moorhouse moved in. On February 17 1908 there was a double wedding in the house. Miss Ella here in 1894, married John Fletcher Wilks and Bertha May were 1896, married Wm. James Wright. Later the same year Winifred Jane 1880, married Alexander Gibson Palmer Eddy in 1914. T.S. Moorhouse and his wife Emily (Drew) moved to their own home which had been another addition - making it a two and a half story house. There they celebrated their 50th anniversary (the Ruskin home now), Thomas H. of Mayfair Crescent, Toronto, survived, passing in late 27 1915. They set up housekeeping in the red brick house on the farm across from the church like their parents had and the next year (1916) moved into the white house beside the mill and stayed until 1919. Thomas H. owned the farm across from the church having purchased the north 50 from his father in 1910 and the south 50 from his father-in-law in 1919 so he and Muriel moved into the new house and her parents Mr and Mrs. Alex Dobbyn moved into the house he as the mill. For years they boarded the teacher and had the junior pub at the school. Mr Dobbyn grew strawberries and was a chief of boxes on his 10 acres. When Mr Bobbyn died his wife lived alone for several years in 1947 Thomas H. and Muriel moved back to care for Mrs Dobbyn. The old home was replaced by new cupboards and a bathroom were put on and floors laid. After Thomas H. died Muriel lived there until she sold the property to Elliott Bros in 1969. The house was then rented to Mr Alex Craig family for 4 years Their family included Melissa Amanda and Johnathan who as born while they lived there. When Robert Elliott married Bonnie (Brown) in 1970 they moved in. Jennifer was born while they lived there. Next Alec Elliott married Pa (Campbell) in 1980 and they are living there at present until their new home is built on the village outskirts.

ROBERT AND CATHERINE OSBORNE, (part lot 24, concession 2) — The home of Catherine (Hilton) and Robert Osborne stands on land transferred from Thomas R. and Russell C. Elliott in 1970. Robert and Catherine designed the house and professional plans were drawn up by Mr. Bob Pannell. Now busy. In March 1978, prior to construction, one of the large maple trees in the old school yard was cut down to make room for the house. The basement was dug and some portion of the house started in September by brother Bruce Lutton of Glencoe. The electrical rough-in and wood work was done by Robert and Catherine with the help of family and friends. In February 1979 Mayor Ross of Oakdale visited and the Osbornes moved into the home in April 1979. The house has a kitchen-dining room family room 2 baths, 3 bedrooms and a double garage. They have a son Russell Gordon Robert.



BONNIE AND ROBERT ELLIOTT (part lot 24 concession 2). This property was bought by the sale of the old school house in 1969 by Hutchinson, built in 1878. After the Centre school was built in 1965 the old school was used for storage by Elliott Bros until 1979 when it was torn down. A brick rancher was built just behind the original school site, by Grace Leslick. Glencoe in 1980. Plans were designed by Bonnie and Robert and drawn by Bob Pannell Newberry. Much of the brick was cleaned by hand and used for two fireplaces one in the basement and one on the main floor. The house has a kitchen-dining room living room three bedrooms, three baths and a double garage. The couple have two daughters Jennifer and Breanne.

MILDRED AND RUSSELL ELLIOTT (part of lot 24 concession 2 — The home was built in 1969 on a lot south of the old school purchased from T H Moorhouse. Building began in June with the digging of the basement. By October Mildred (Jessie) and Russell and their two children, Robert and Catherine moved into the back room home with attached garage. They lived in the basement for a while and the interior finishing was completed by Christmas. The home has a kitchen living room dining room, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, built by mom [illegible] Dunaday. The landscaping was [illegible] in 1968

RUTH AND ROLAND DOBBYN (south part of E. lot 24 concession 2) — The house was purchased in Kane County in February 1969 and moved to its present site. The lot was purchased from Russell Elliott in 1969 measuring 99 feet x 250 feet. The garage was added and the house renovated in 1969 and 1970. Ruth and Roland moved in 1971. A shop and patio were added in 1972. The home has a living room, kitchen 4 sleeping areas one bath, and 2 bedrooms. They also have [illegible]

SHEETLAND POOL

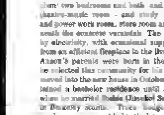
On part of lot 24 Concession 2 located behind the Russell Elliott home join owners Tom and Russell Hurst began construction of a 20 by 40 foot concrete pool in August 1977. The sides of the pool were covered with ceramic tile and a pool house was built at the north end. The building included change rooms, milk tables, shower filter and storage room.

In September sand was washed from Alex Gray's farm to back fill around the pool. In November an irrigation pump was borrowed to pump water from the Sydenham River to fill the pool before freeze up.

A concrete patio 10 feet wide was poured around the pool. May 1978 the stripped sheets of vinyl were unrolled and patio slab walk ways were laid in an easterly and westerly direction. A chain link fence was erected on the east, south and west sides and a board fence erected on either side of the pool house to serve as a wind break.

That fall I was drained to be painted the next year. The second time it was filled with well water. A solar cover conserves heat on cool summer nights and the winter cover protects it for the next season's usage. It is a busiest of activity from May until Labour Day weekend for both young and old.

ANSON AND DICKIE MOORHOUSE, part lot 24 concession 2) — The lot was purchased in 1833 from Elliott Bros. Russell Colpitts and Thomas Robert. The building contract was let to Robert Fennell of Fennell Lumber, Newbury. The carpet, curtains and drapes were installed by Delaney-Diamond of London. A greenhouse was built on the south end of the double garage by Lord and Burnham — St. Catherines. The house consists of a main floor with living room, dining area and kitchen, two bedrooms and bath and a mud-room with ceramic-tiled floors - and study, laundry, and power work room, store room and cold room beneath the enclosed verandah. The house is heated by electricity, with occasional supplementary heat from an efficient fireplace in the living room. Since Anson's parents were born in the Shetland area, he selected this community for his retirement. He moved into the new house in October 1978 and maintained a beekeeper occupation until September 1974 when he married Bobbie Crandell Smith - a colleague in Burnaby south. Trees, hedges and colourful gardens were soon added to the lot



PATRICIA AND BARRY OSBORNE — lot 24 concession 3 — This property was obtained from Thomas and Russell Elliot in 1976. Barry Allen Osborne and Patricia Louise Elliott built the home in 1976-77 and moved in August of 1977. The contractor was A. Fennell and Son. The home has a living room, dining room, kitchen, 3 baths, 3 bedrooms a double garage and full basement. The Osborne's have 2 children: Jillian and Marcie.

PETER AND TERESA BERGSMA, — part lot 24 concession 2) — This home was built in 1977 on a lot purchased from Russell and Tom Elliott. The cement block full basement and exterior brick work was done by Wayne Bros. Masonry of Oshawa. The framing, wiring, plumbing and plastering were contracted. The remaining finishing and landscaping was done by Pete and Teresa. The home has a kitchen, dining room living room, bath and 2 bedrooms upstairs; downstairs is a family room 1 bedroom and laundry. The Bergsmas took up residence when they were married in September 1977 and are blessed with 4 children, girls: Michelle and Alana and boys: Bradley and Bryce.

SUE AND BRAD SHARP — Part lot 24, concession 2) — The property has been traced back to 1860 when a large frame cottage was owned by Jane and Richard Bobbyn. In 1870 a quiet claim deed listed it under the name Ebenezer Jones. In 1891 Jane Bobbyn sold it to Henry Gosnell. In 1898 Joseph Bobbyn bought it and lived there till it was sold to Milton Bobbyn. About 1902 Joseph Bykerman and family rented the house. In 1905 Chris Wilson moved in. In 1919, George Sellers purchased it and later rented it to Wm. Hall. In 1926 Hallam who moved there from his farm on the west half of lot 25 concession 3. Wm tore the cottage

shown and constructed the present two story house in 1912-13. Their family included Billy Jr. Charles, Jo (Johnson), Myrtle (Sherwood) and Mildred (Sharp). Following Mr. Bolton's death, Emma lived there alone quite a few years. Daughter Jo and husband Art Patterson bought the house in 1964 and remodelled it. Brad Sharp purchased the property in 1975 and married Sue Wechter the same year. The house has been remodelled again and vinyl siding put on. The root and fruit cellar from the 1858 original cottage is still useable.

JOHN AND MARION NEVILLE formerly, apart lot 24, concession 2 — Records of 1887 show that the mill property 7 30/100 acres and the 4 ½ acres containing the orchard and the 1858 white cottage was sold to Wm. Bellaby. The house was named to [illegible] that owners. Theodore married Egerton Hoodless in 1891. In 1907 the mill property was sold to Samuel Gray and the 4.6 acres containing the house was rented by Francis Sharp and family while they renovated the old mill house. Then Clifton Wilson lived there. In 1908 the 4 ½ acres was purchased by Francis Sharp from Wm. Bellaby. Sometime around 1918 part of the east half of lot 26 concession 2 was purchased from the Funkhouses owned by John Fleming and his wife. When the horses on this property burned the little white cottage was moved to the 7 ½ acres from on the road which ran diagonally from Stuttgard to Florence (it is now closed). The three Fleming children were raised there. In 1945 Robert Fleming of Bristol became owner. For a while Dan Lacey his brother-in-law resided in it. Clayton Sharp and his sons John and Cursus bought the property. They moved the house a 1944 lot to present location on the river road. Clayton and Fear Sharp moved into the cottage in 1944. Mrs. Sharp died in 1966 and Clayton lived there alone until 1976, when he moved to

BONNIE AND RONALD SHARP (Part of lot 24 concession 2) — This property was owned land in the year 1837 and was sold by the Canada Company in 1852 to Robert Reed. In 1848, Robert Reed sold 200 acres to John Delaplen. In 1854, John Delaplen sold a piece of land 66 x 66 feet (if N corner of lot 24, concession 2 to the Trustees of S S #1 Eagleton in the log school). In 1862, John Delaplen sold 1 4/5 acre to N E part of lot 24 to John Drew (for a blacksmith shop) In 1865 the trustees sold the 1/10 acres at the gate to John Drew (presumably after the school burned). In 1866 the Court of Chancery deeded the land to Florence P. Ross the principal mortgage holder By deed dated December 1877 registered as No. 2830, Florence P. Ross conveyed 1¼ acres in lot 24 concession 2 to the trustees of school section No. 1 In 1878 a brick school was erected on the southern edge of the village Florence P. Ross sold in 1878 to Elmore W. Ross for $12 00. Then 7 year later Elmore W. Ross sold to Archibald Graham for the 000. Previously

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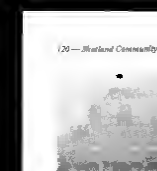
Bonnie Herron, Pat (Hilbert) and Barry Osborne rented the home for one year and Jill was born while they lived there. In 1977 Stuart and Cindy (Hamilton) Sharp moved in and lived there for one years January Sharp was born during that time. In 1980 Bonnie (Acton) and Ron Sharp moved in. They lived there three years and Marcie was born while they were there. In 1984 Jane (King) and Darrell Sweet rented the home. In 1986 their daughter Bethany was born and they moved near Pelrolia. John and Marcia Neville are now living there. A garage belonging to Upsope Palmer was moved by the mill was moved to a site beside the white cottage and is still used as a garage today



Old Mill House known as Black Hall

In 1870 seven acres had been sold to Jane Colpitts by Ebenezer P. Ross and 7 (or 100) acres with all mill rights was sold to Alfred Scribner by A. Graham in 1883. Mr Scribner lived in the mill house. In 1887 this 7 (or 100) acre portion was again sold this time to Wm. Rackley for $2,500.00. He was a grandnephew from Carman Manitoba. The larger portion still owned by A. Graham was sold to David Watson of Bristol for $22 000.00 in 1884. Then, on 1901, Wm. Rackley sold his acreage to Bramwell Gray and the larger portion, approximately 175 acres was put up for mortgage sale by Frederick Estle as Executor of Estate of the Town of Bedford on Nov. 21, 1910 and purchased by Bramwell Gray. In 1904, both properties were purchased by Francis E. Sharp of Aldborough Centre. At that time Frances Sharp remodelled the Old Mill house known as Black Hall. The twelve foot ceilings on the first floor were lowered to nine feet. A winding walnut staircase led to a widows walk on the roof. The main floor had been used as a dining room and the upper floor was lined with bunks accommodating the great mill workers. Mr. Sharp added a full second story to the square timber framed house, bricked the exterior and added two small porches making it into a seven bedroom house. In 1912 Francis sold the farm to his son Clayton Sharp who married Pearl Beamish. Their family was raised here John (Oakdale) Carrie (Connaught) Edward J. (Stanstead) and Helen (Westmount) of Fredericton N.B. John and Hazel (Jones) lived there from 1945-1947 and Murray was born there. Carrie and Lorraine (Haskell) lived there from 1947-1961 and Brian Ronnie and Dennis (deceased) were born. Maxine and Tom Elliott lived there from 1952-1966 and Patsy and Sue Anne were born. An apartment upstairs was rented for a few years to Jessie Jones and then to John Dziecha. Edward and Joyce (Arnold) Sharp moved into the house in 1966. They made extensive renovations to the house's interior and added a full width porch to the front. Their four sons were raised there: Stuart (Patricia) Reid, Ian and Jim. Sharps moved to their new home in 1989. Ronald and Bonnie (Acton) moved into the house in 1995 with daughter Maeve and Heidi has been born since. Since the mill rights were still being sold in 1904 and the new mill in the village was in operation in 1880, we presume the two mill burned about 1876.

JOYCE AND TED SHARP (east half of lot 24 concession 9). This farm was purchased from Ted a fellow Clayton in 1967. The family lived in the old brick farm house until a new passive solar house was designed and constructed in 1982-83. Joyce and

Ted spent more time looking at plans for energy efficient homes in the U.S. before they finally settled on a design of their own drawn up with the help of a Bristol architect. The house is set into the hill facing south, the earthen berm deflecting the cold northwest winds over the house. It is heavily insulated with walls R 30 factor and ceilings to a R 40 factor both superior to normal standards. The key features are two superwide sun upstairs and one on the basement level — pine sloped 20 degrees each of which no bugs windows catch as much sunlight as possible all year long. Hot air from the portion is collected in ducts and directed to a ground bed beneath the home from where it is stored until needed. When outside temperatures fall to the point where the purchase no longer absorbs heat they are closed off and the stored heat from the ground bed is released through these. The main heating system is a water furnace. Heat for the system is collected in more than 2000 feet 3/4 of plastic pipe filled with a fluid circulating some calcium chloride and ethylene glycol to heat loss in the outside yard. The system works like a heat pump. It collects heat in ground water and transports it to heat exchangers in the heated used. Each floor consists of 1240 square feet of living space. The finishing cement work and plumbing were done by contractors. The roof of the house was completed by Ted and son Ron. Most of the inside trim is walnut, which came from Joyce's parents home farm at Troy Ontario. The Sharps moved into the home in 1983 and find that the initial expenses of $2,000-3000 spent on the solar heating system will more pay for itself. In 1984 the cost of heating and air-conditioning for the year was $381.00. Landscaping is now being completed.

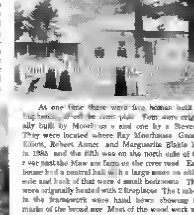
RED BRICK HOUSE (north of he mill) Jhon eldest in 1900 The first person known was James Ward. He was a mere keeper. At that time it was a frame house. Later it was plastered over with cement on the inside and John Tree resided in. When the Drums died it was willed to the grandchildren (T.S Meachmore a girls) Wilson Alfred May married Jessie Meachmore Hgotten a daughter she Meachmore girls signed off to give it to Jennie and Alfred. Alfred spent a great deal of time and expense remodelling it, tearing off the cement and bricking the outside. Their children were Alfred Jr and Marion (Glassco) After Jennie died in 1917 he house was resided to War, and Bertha (Mackenzie) Wright till they went west Other renters were Thomas Green and Wm Seidel. Edwards lived there in 1917 and 1921 then Wm. Bolton and family lived there in 1919 and 1920 while their house was being built. Rye Dykeman lived in it for a while while he worked in the blacksmith shop in the 30's Alex George Brownlee, purchased it and lived there till she died. Next, Mrs Timothy Robinson bought it. She built a porch on it. When she died she willed it to a great nephew Bruce Coutts son of Doug Coutts In 1968 it was sold to Helen and Earl Pendergrast who lived there with them finally until 1985 when they moved across the street to Russell Elliott's house. (The two properties were traded on the mill pond for more space for expansion) The red brick was torn down in 1985 and Earl Bailey used some of the material for his new home

When Russell Elliott started to renovate the white house north of the store in 1948 Mr James Coulter had recently become a widower as his wife Margaret died last year in order to keep him a home Russell moved the 90 x 30 foot back kitchen that Charles Elliott have into the village and it was situated north of the big house Mr Coulter died in 1955 The small house was later moved across the street and attached to the red brick house as the sons where the Earl Pendgrast family was living in 1985 that house was torn down so the small house was again moved. The lane it went to Dunne Crop's farm and was used for raising baby chicks In 1967 the building was purchased by Hank Rossell moved back to Stirling and remodelled to become a lovely family room.

This home no longer sits on the edge of the ravine south of Shetland. It was demolished and burned in December 1984. The Quigley family owned the property when the house was built. Mr. George George bought the property in 1906 when he married Bessie (Bessie) Blake. George had one daughter Mary and three sons Edward, Ernest and Elmer. Bessie had four children Mabel, Mary, John and Jim. In 1911 Mary Blake started attending Shetland school. In 1916, all three George boys went and went but Oliver returned and bought the George homestead, when his father died. Oliver and his wife Ella lived there then the farm was sold to Elliott Bros. Alex Elliott has purchased a lot on the property to build a new home in the near future.

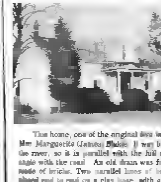
JESS L — D OWEN DOBBYN — The first house on the Dobbyn property lot 26 concession 2 was a log dwelling and replaced with a cottage loaded brick of the present house. This house was built in 1902. The farm has been in the Dobbyn name for five generations: Richard, James, James Roland and Owen.

The Dobbyn home in the early 1900's.



At one time there were two homes built in log houses on the same yard. Both were originally built by Moodie as a unit one by a Stevens. They were located where Ray Morrison's, George Elliott, Robert Annet and Marguerite Blake live in 1985 and the fifth was on the north side of the river just the New are farm on the river road. Each house had a central hall with a large room on either side and back of that were 2 small bedrooms. They were originally heated with 2 fireplaces. The timbers in the framework were hand hewn showing the marks of the broad axe. Most of the wood work was white wood with the stair newels and risers made of walnut. There were no closets but a board on the wall or high as the top of he door made a convenient place for hooks. The door knobs were brass. The houses had hand split lath which was made by taking a thin board or splitting it almost to the end in narrow strips. These were then fitted together to make a base for plaster.

This Powell home is still in use George Elliott lives there in 1985. The photo taken in 1904 shows Minerva, Lettie, Annie and Mrs. John Powell.



This home, one of the original five is owned by Mrs. Marguerite (Lindsay) Blackie. It was built to face the river, so it is parallel with the hill and on an angle with the road. An old drain was found to be made of bricks. Two parallel lines of bricks were placed end to end on a clay base with a third line of bricks placed on top. This made a passage for the water. In 1977, an old well was discovered. It was a dug well, lined with layers of white stone - still in perfect condition. The tiny panes of window glass were replaced with larger panes in 1906 and the upper story of the house was finished. The siding in the house was replaced, a bathroom was added and electricity was installed in 1940. Fannie Hickey purchased the property in 1948. A garage was built and in 1976 an oil furnace was put in.

John Drage was born and raised on Lot 27, concession 2, Raglan township, living there from 1846 until 1881 when he sold the farm and moved to Renfrew Corners. He and his wife Peggy now operate an Antiques and Craft Boutique called "Brodie Scenic". John has had many poems published and shares this one about Shetland.

SHETLAND

The people of Shetland make its fame
Add to the glory of its name.
They spread the story of the fame
Over all the earth
Their help is sought in any place
Well known their worth.

Watch yon the lad that's Shetland bred
On fibrelan's beef and potatoes fed
The earth rooms facts to their mood,
Where ever they trot
They'll be a winner for a hand,
More times than not

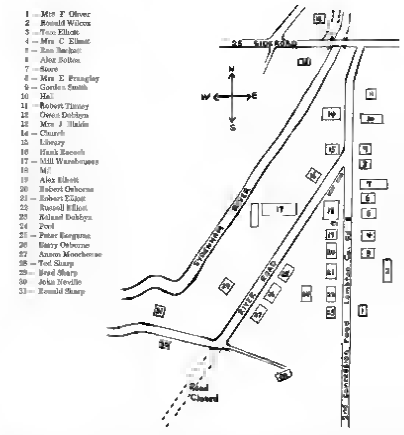
There a few can match a Shetland lass
For beauty, wealth or physical prowess
What ever lines may come to pass
They're sure to suit,
You'll see they're of a higher class
At any pursuit

Now you have of these verses read
It must be plainly understood
Shetland folk have no gruffled head
Are loath to brag
But when the truth is clearly said
No need to brag

John Drage

Past and Present

Sketch of Village Layout — 1985



11 — Did You Know?

In 1900 four Michigan men taking a pleasure ride in a balloon ran into no difficulty as they passed over Richland. John Woodside said Levi Badgley went in their course and they landed without mishap.

Levi Badgley owned a 1910, LHC chain driven, single cylinder auto wagon with hard rubber tires which he used to haul freight from the railroads to Richland. This was probably the first truck used in Kalamazoo township.

George Palmer owned this car

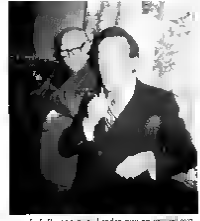
The Powell, Pelham, Moorhouse and Coulter children rode in this democrat with Reverend Amos E. and Minnie (Powell) Moorhouse in 1915. Standing is Mrs. Robert Moorhouse and Nellie Coulter, daughter.

The men (older and younger) and young girls have put on breakfasts over the years as a fund raising and socialising project. The menu in March 1983 was oatmeal or 2 grain cereal porridge, grilled Spanish tomatoes, toast, juice and coffee all you can eat for a donation. Shetland cloth. Left to right Bob Osborne, Robert Elliott, Tom Elliott, Barry Osborne, Alex Leask, Mrs [illegible] 1975

For medical services you have to go to Bathurst Newbury Thamesville or Chatham to see a doctor As early as 1964 there was a doctor in Ridgetown Dr J B Sutton was the last doctor to practise there He moved to Chatham in 1973 Since 1967 we have been fortunate to have a 46 bed Four Counties General Hospital at Newbury

A Shetland girl competed for Miss Shetland Queen for many years sponsored by the Shetland WI

These tunics and the tables Carol Johnston and Joy Mowbray



Jack Burgher in London was an annual early speaker

Reverend Harold Moorhouse now of Greenville, Illinois is a retired Free Methodist pastor who grew up in the Shetland area.

Silas Palmer became a deaconess and a beloved friend of the nursing profession.

Reverend J. Clayton Moorhouse and his wife Reverend Louise E. M. Louise born in Shetland and were ordained ministers

Mrs. Tom Wilson nee Moorhouse was the local historian and lived until 1981 in her 104th year.

We have an expert cake decorator in our midst Mrs. Evelyn Wilson Playfoot

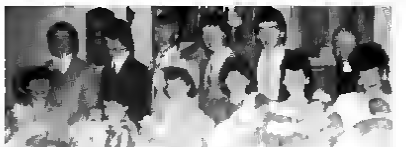
Six wardens have been in Raphania Township — Edwin D. Kirby from Florence 1861 1862 Wm J Dewar from Shetland 1922. Roy Dewson from Cure 1955, now of Newbury. Donald Elliott from Shetland 1962 Cecil Tinney from Shetland 1968, now of Bothwell Orville Cox from Aberfeldy 1969, now of Alvinston

There were numerous little churches surrounding Shetland by the 1950's and later. The Anglican church in Florence dates from 1945 later there was a Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist and Free Methodist church. Wesley Methodist church was located on Lot 38 concessions 6 from 1878-1915. There was a Methodist church at Armstrong, also. The Free Methodists had churches or meeting places at Anglefort, Cowley Croton, Wabasca, Calalala, etc.

Oil was discovered in the Shetland district in the late 1930's on Alec Mcbryn's three feet now owned by T. Lawson). Nathan Mortensens (now owned by Gerhard Enak) and Sam Tuttle's (now owned by T. Lawson) on the west side of the river. On the east side of the river three were wells on the Lewis Smith property (now owned by Keith and Norman Billings). John Minors property (now owned by Grayal, the original Samuel Smith farm and the Robert Moorhouse farm (now owned by Robert Lamont).

Left to right — Left: Ron & Shirley Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Reid and Ray Doblyn and Deanne Mulford and Russell Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mulford Lee Pengelley and Glen Mennie and Tim Elliott and Sue Ann Pengelley and Edward Scarpa and Sons

SPECIAL BAPTISMAL TRUCE — A meaningful infant baptismal service was conducted in 1976 by Dr. A. Moorhouse and Mr. John Gnichtchel in the presence of a large congregation. Left to right — Ron and Verna Rich with Julie Katherine, Robert and Anne May Aldous with Eric Scott Gordon and Elaine McAuslan with Richard Gordon Ellsworth. Eric and Nona Nystrom with Jennifer Lee Robert and Ronnie Elliott with Jennifer Jane. Ken and Caroleen Cowell with Daniel Robert.



On Mother's Day Sunday May 12 1968 these six babies were baptised at the 11.30 service Left to right, Christine and Rick Elliott and daughter Danielle Marie Senay and William Playfoot and son William Thomas Karen and Joe Ellipot and daughter Brandie Mae Patsy and Clarke Mackenzie and daughter Cassandra Leah Christine and Ken Johnson and son Justin William Jane Elliott and daughter Mary Catherine Absent when the photo was taken, was Charles Elliott Standing is Rev Eric Hudson who officiated at the special service

The closest banking services are Bank of Montreal in Bothwell Thamesville or Inwood and Royal Bank in Newbury Some people go as far as Dresden or Chatham Until 1964 there was a Royal Bank branch in Melrose

For many years Mrs George Johnson gave readings of Pauline Johnson's poems in Shetland church in 1923 She stayed with Mrs John Powell

The first telephone was installed in Shetland in 1908 and was connected with the Bothwell phone company A switch in the store connected the Bothwell and Inwood lines

MR. ALEX DOBSON — in his retirement years he continues to be a great gardener After moving from his farm into Shetland he grew strawberries and raspberries for sale

At one time it was hoped a spur of the C.N.R. would be brought to Shetland on the land back and south of the old school was surveyed into city lots.

LARGE HOUSE EXPANSION AT BRASH POINT SHETLAND UNITED CHURCH A large congregation welcomed members and friends to celebrate a memorable roll on Mother's Day or Family Sunday 9 1976 Each year of history of the New Testament Good News for Modern Man has ventured of membership and acknowledgement by the Clerk of Session Robert Dobbyn There is thought to be one of the largest groups to join in the history of the Shetland Church Back, left to right, Norman Mackenzie Craig Flett Jr. Robert Johnston Brent Elliott Craig Mortimore Mark Rose Frost, left to right Cynthia Smith Florence Johnston Catherine Rose Mary Jane Elliott, Christine Elliott, Margaret Ann Acton

We have an artist, Stephen Perrin who has a home and studio on the old Dunrossness school site

The Drum Players of the Shetland Accordion and Shetland Reel sponsored by the Lawhead County South Western Library System

The Country Rovers provided music for the family dance held in the school in March 1976 (left) Vernie Alexander R. R. 2 Florence (centre) Allen Yacke Florence right) Jack Bellamy, Rockwell, Fleet Mr McCutcheon R.R. 2 Florence

The total population of the village of Shetland as of June, 1961 is 48

For everything there is a season, and
a time for every matter under Heaven
a time to be born and a time to die
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted
a time to kill and a time to heal
a time to break down and a time to build up,
a time to weep and a time to laugh
a time to mourn and a time to dance
a time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing
a time to seek and a time to lose
a time to keep and a time to cast away
a time to rend, and a time to sew
a time to keep silence and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate
a time for war and a time for peace

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

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Foreword

As the days of yesteryear unfold we realize our forefathers built into our society a stability consistency and endurance to survive They not only had a faith in their God but a faith in their fellowman Regardless of our different lifestyle today the needs of the human race remain the same Let us continue to build those things that are intangible so we too can leave an inheritance for the future generations

THE BOOK COMMITTEE — Standing, left to right Rev A C Moorhouse Lloyd May Fred Fansher Seated Tom Elliott, Joyce Sharp.

(Mrs.) Mary E. Ross

Mary (Crawford) Ross was born near Ridgetown Ont and after attending the Ridgetown schools graduated from London Normal School in 1953 She taught in Zone and Euphemia and presently serves as a supply teacher and private tutor She her husband Victor and their three children resided in the Shetland community until 1977 when they moved to Glencoe Ontario Mary is a free lance reporter and photographer for a local paper and as well she is quite involved in church and community affairs

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I deem it an honour to have been asked by the Shetland Book Committee to research compile and write about the facts the colour and changing patterns within their community over 150 years It has been an arduous but interesting task and I owe a sincere dept of gratitude to the committee members and numerous others in the area who have gathered materials answered questions lent photos proof read copy and assisted in any way

We are fully aware that there will be errors and omissions in the material gathered for they were derived from a number of sources and as non professionals we have attempted to be as accurate as possible

I hope you will enjoy reading my kaleidoscopic views of life in a rural community

Mary E Ross

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Dawn Mark Carl and Lyn
Jill and Eric

The Hudson Family

For four years now I have been pastor to the Shetland Church which comprises part of the Oakdale Pastoral Charge Perhaps it would be more correct to say that my wife and four children have ministered with me as they have had much to contribute This was our first experience of a Canadian farming community having crossed the ocean from England but ten years previously I mention this because England has no rural areas left that can compare with the Shetland area In Europe the country man is a dying breed as city boundary meets city boundary and city dwellers take over the dwellings made redundant by mechanization How fortunate we are to have villages such as Shetland where countrymen abound and where time is willingly given to neighbours and the community To a townie like myself I am often lost when it comes to farm prices and agricultural methods but nobody just nobody can understand the warmth and vitality of this people If one cannot find a welcome in Shetland then I guess the fault must lie within one s self Another strength emanating from Shetland is the strong family ties and loyalties Shetland has so many qualities which city sociologists and churches are trying to reproduce not least a sense of belonging we have that in abundance As a Christian I believe that many of these qualities stem to us as we worship and seek to serve Jesus Christ He is the author of compassion love and family Our forefathers made this community possible through the vitality of their faith Lets pray that the Lord enables us to hand on to our children a Shetland in no way depleted but strong in the qualities that make this village a delight to be part of Yesterday I read this verse of scripture and offer it as a conclusion

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places surely I have a delightful inheritance

Psalm 16 6 (N I V)

Eric Hudson
Pastor

1 — Early Community History

The worth of a community is measured not by the topography and natural resources of the area but by the people their attitudes to life to their neighbours to their heritage and their determination to make the place where they live a community in the true sense of the word a fellowship of common interests and aims

This is the story of Shetland a community seeking to uphold the example set by those who pioneered the settlement and the growth of a centre of worship which had its beginning one hundred and fifty years ago (Taken from notes written by the late Dr. George Lambert 1954

EARLY BEGINNINGS

A picturesque stream meandered through a wooded wilderness area where the forest consisted mostly of maple and elm with a good sampling of oak hickory and beech Except for some tamarack in swamplands and some white pine few evergreens were originally in the area Basswood chestnut white and black ash and walnut were growing along the streams The only inhabitants were the native Indians belonging to the Chippewa Nation scampered by the waterways in the region The stream possessed the name "Bear Creek" named after the chief of an Indian tribe living in the area.

At that time all of the land was part of the District of Hesse proclaimed by Lord Dorchester on 24 July 1788 Colonel John Graves Simcoe by proclamation on 16 July 1792 divided the province of Upper Canada into nineteen counties and the name was changed to the Western District

Samuel Smith a native of Ancaster Upper Canada made the first township survey in 1822 Smith a volunteer in the War of 1812 and a traditional loyalist came into contact with Colonel Mahlon Burwell M P a noted engineer and surveyor Burwell had received a post-war contract to survey a number of townships so he sublet the survey to Smith

The survey extended from the Thames River to the present south limit of Brooke Township The concessions were numbered east to west and the lots north to south

The first fourteen ranges of lots were reserved by the government for the use of the Delaware Indians brought to Upper Canada in 1792 by the Moravian missionaries Since October 1813 they had been homeless after the Americans burned their villages on the Thames The territory was referred to as In-han Zone from which came the name Zone township

As the province was inhabited and possessed by native Indians it is interesting to know how their rights were surrendered

Treaty Number 21 was made on 9 March 1819 between John Aiken on behalf of His Majesty and one Tunungo and others chiefs and principal men of the Chippewa nation of Indians These Indians inhabited or claimed that tract of land which includes the present townships of Lobo Caradoc Ekfrid and Mosa in Middlesex County and Sombra Dawn Euphemia and part of Brooke and Enniskillen in Lambton County It was agreed that the Indians would surrender this land over half a million acres for a consideration of six hundred pounds province currency yearly — one-half in specie and the other half in goods at the Montreal price

This was followed by a further provisional agreement Treaty Number 28½ which was dated 9 May 1820 It was made at Amherstburg between John Ironside Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs and the said Tunungo and others By this treaty it was agreed that £10 in goods at the Montreal price was to be paid yearly to every man woman and child and to their posterity forever provided that the number of annuitants

did not exceed 240 which was the number of persons then composing the nation inhabitating and claiming the said tract of land. There was reserved a parcel of land containing 15 360 acres which was apparently in Caradoc Township and also a tract two miles square. Rising four miles above the rapids which are near the source of Big Bear Creek nearly parallel to Moravian Village which would seem to be in the townships of Euphemia and Dawn.

The two treaties mentioned above were followed by Treaty Number 25 dated 8 July 1822 wherein it was agreed that in consideration of an annuity of 2 10 0 lbs to be paid in merchandize at the Montreal price to each man woman and child of the Chippewa Nation of Indians and to their posterity the lands were released. It is interesting to note that Canada did not compensate the Indians for this large tract of land. The Indian Reserve at Bear Creek, 5120 acres, until 1840 at which time much of it had been settled and many patents issued. The compensation paid to the Indians for the whole of the Bear Creek Reserve was 1 366 18 4 lbs and was placed to their credit in 1849. The Bear Creek Indians had joined those of Caradoc in 1851. Samuel Smith, the surveyor, camped all night with his survey party at this Indian village on 20 May 1821.

(The Motorhouse by E. Mac Houle page 95)

Extracts from the diaries and field notes of Samuel Smith show that the Indians played a part in surveying the area.

Thursday 24 May 1821

I continued in the afternoon. I measured across twelve lots to Bear Creek and sent two men down Bear Creek to fetch up the canoe that I got taken out. Thomas Mills cut his ankle very badly. I took the variation of the compass and found it to be three degrees east.

Friday 25 May 1821

I sent H. Holmes to River Thames after a horse to take T. Mills home. Continued my line with much difficulty crossing Bear Creek. Sent J. Quart up the creek with a canoe to the rapids. He could not proceed any farther. I sent him and another man. They undertook to go up the rapids and upset the canoe and lost an axe. They landed the canoe half a mile across a bend of the creek. I sent them back to hunt the axe. They found the axe in the rapids of the creek. I continued and measured across eight lots and returned to the camp at dark.

Saturday 26 May 1821

We marched down the river to the Indian Village and camped all night. Our provisions was run out and we had no supper.

Monday 28 May 1821

We encamped at an Indian sugar camp.

Tuesday 29 May 1821

Clear day. Arrived at twelve o clock midday. I sent the men down the river to Joshua Cornwall a 1 went up to the Moravianstown to get an Indian to go out with me but they were busy planting corn. I got 12 pounds of sugar and returned to Cornwall a at dark. I eat mush and milk for supper. Went to the barn to sleep.

Sunday 3 June 1821

We all shaved and put on clean clothes and I continued my line across six lots. Night came on. I could not run to Bear Creek but we went about ten chains. Encamped at Bear Creek in the evening. An Indian came aspying around a piece of the camp. We thought they had mischief in their heads as they eeld the surveyors should not survey the land. We went about four chains off the camp and slept.

Monday 4 June 1821

We got up and went to the creek to get the canoe up. They went to the Indian camp. There was twelve in number. They brought up the canoe and I continued my line to the creek. In crossing Mr Holmes and T. Stewart and I. Cragene upset the canoe and fell in the creek. B. Holmes swam to shore. The others held to the canoe and got to shore. An Indian canoe came up with three Indians in and I crossed and proceed with the line to the next corner. T. Stewart lost the marking iron. We hunted a long time for it, could not find it. We got across four lots.

Friday 15 June 1821

The devil got in the Indians and left me through the pretence of being sick.

Saturday 16 June 1821

Made camp and peas for supper.

Sunday 17 June 1821

I read ten chapters of Matthew and reposed my field notes.

Tuesday 25 June 1821

I went to big bend [on the Thames] after to Francis Got some Returned to Ward's (Wardsville) eat breakfast Went to Fleming's got one and three-quarters pounds of tobacco for the man Returned to the Moravian town and eat dinner with the priest Then went down to Johnson's Abraham Holmes had fetched up a barrel of flour I calculated the variation of the compass in the evening

Sunday 8 July 1821

We shaved our beards off eat dinner and run two lots in the afternoon (The diaries of John and Sarah Ann Moorhouse pg. 82, 83

In 1824 the disposition of land was given to Colonel Talbot He had been granted 5000 acres of land in 1803 because of his military rank For every settler he established on 100 acres of his own land he received 200 additional acres. Talbot was a capable colonizer who required an oath of allegiance to Great Britain from prospective landowners and granted no deed until the land had been occupied five years

Talbot a map of Zone indicates clearly his practise of inserting the names of settlers on his map as land parcel so they might easily be erased Being an eccentric he might remove an immigrant's name from his map if his political views differed in he would place those whom he liked the least as far away from himself as possible and as the worst locations Talbot did however reserve every seventh lot for the Clergy Reserves as was done in all Upper Canada until 1826 He also had each resident maintain a road in front of his property

Statute labour which was introduced about 1819 and continued until recent times took care of local roads to some extent The Statute Labour Act was a provision for the building and upkeep of roads Each ratepayer was obliged to give the number of days of work for such purposes which was determined by the total amount for which he was assessed It was the duty of the overseer to warn the ratepayer out to work and to direct and superintend the work Each overseer had about three miles of road under his care He was required to live in the area subject to his charge

Little thought is now given to the many days of faithful service performed by our forebears in providing a foundation for the splendid highways we now enjoy

By 1838 Colonel Talbot held 45,120 acres of land

The first pioneers of Upper Canada settled along the waterways where suitable land was accessible The ground along the inland rivers was higher than that further inland Drainage facilitated cultivation and assured a degree of freedom from malaria and similar illnesses Being close to water it was easier to secure supplies and market produce since the only other routes of travel were Indian trails through a heavily timbered wilderness The woods teemed with deer wild pigeon wild turkey wolves and fox Bears were encountered occasionally and although destructive once killed were edible The streams provided good fishing

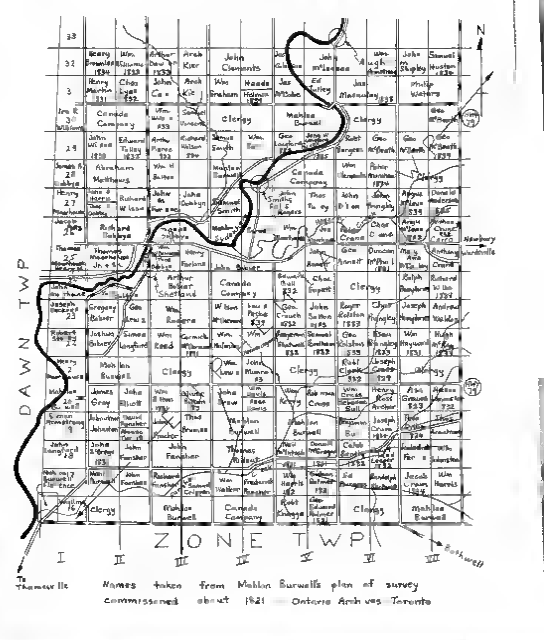
The first actual settler in Euphemia was David Fancher He was of French Huguenot extraction his ancestors having settled in New York state in early colonial days In the spring of 1824 David his wife Elizabeth and ten children decided to move westward They travelled overland from Hamilton to the Thames River and rafted their possessions 80-90 miles downstream to a site now called Thamesville The men blazed a trail to Johnston's Corners (Croton) then followed Bear Creek [Sydenham River] to a place (Florence) where a spring fed creek empties into the river The creek was followed about three miles in an easterly direction where they selected a site to build their log home The stream and Indian trail both bear the Fancher name- (as it is spelled today)

Later the same spring Richard Dobbyn Thomas Moorhouse and John and Gregory Bolsier settled on Bear Creek between two and three miles above the present Florence

Richard Dobbyn was educated in Dublin Ireland and taught school for a time In April 1815, he married Mariah Bolsier They emigrated to Canada via New York to Tyrconnell and then to Zone where they settled on Lot 26, concession 2 Richard and Maria had 13 children 5 sons and 8 daughters lived to adult age

Thomas Moorhouse and his wife Jane (Hopkins) came to Canada from their native Ireland in 1824 and homesteaded on lot 26 concession 2 in Zone just west of the hamlet (Sheldon) They brought eleven children with them but little 3 year old Maria drowned in Port Stanley shortly after their

PIONEER LANDS ON BURWELL'S COMMISSIONED SURVEY



Names taken from Mahlon Burwell's plan of survey commissioned about 1821 — Ontario Archives Toronto

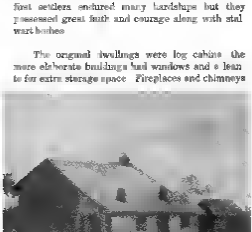
Richard and Mariah Dobbyn

Thomas and Jane Moorhouse

arrival

During the next ten years numerous other settlers arrived and received land through Colonel Talbot It was during this decade that the little settlement became known as Dobbyn s Mills These first settlers endured many hardships but they possessed great faith and courage along with stal wart bodies

The original dwellings were log cabins the more elaborate buildings had windows and a lean to for extra storage space Fireplaces and chimneys were fashioned of crossed sticks plastered with mortar made of pounded clay If there were floors they were hewn basswood logs The hay racks scythes sneaths cradles harrows sled sleds were all homemade or made by a more skilled pioneer neighbour and paid for with a work exchange Pitchforks were made of iron wood or water-beech crotches there might have been one iron fork in the community used by all to fin off their stacks of grain or hay Co-operation was vital in these pioneer communities as a settler was able to accomplish the large projects which he could not handle by himself by means of the neighbourhood bee If a pioneer owned a yoke of oxen a logging chain a wooden plough or nine harrow teeth of 1½ inch iron he would indeed be considered rich



Frederick Walker s first log home

To get provisions a man would walk 30 miles on wooded trails to Chatham and carry home 50 lbs of flour and other necessities or a couple of men might row a boat loaded with 50 bushels of grain down Bear Creek and go to Detroit by way of Lake St Clair to bring home flour and supplies

As more and more land was cleared and settled, property boundaries became a definite problem The original surveys rarely marked anything more than the frontal limits of a property -- often on the road allowance and left other boundaries to be marked by the settler himself As settled regions became more populous disputes inevitably arose over boundaries between neighbouring farms Dis agreements over the proper location of fences some

Clifton Wilson using a scythe

fences lasted for years So many disputes of this kind occurred in Upper Canada that in 1834 an act was passed establishing the official position of fenceviewer" According to the act, these officials were "fit and discreet persons" appointed to investigate boundary disputes and to determine how and where fence should be built They also also decided the quality and the type of fence to be used and even the date by which it had to be erected Fence viewers also possessed authority to determine the positioning and construction of drains They were usually paid two dollars a day which considering the power and the responsibility they held was a small sum even for those days

An extract from the minutes of the Western District Council for the year 1847 stated On February 5 1847 Joseph Moorhouse asked leave to present his motion Fence Viewers for Zone were Wm Moorhouse Edward Tully Francis Cox and Richard Fancher

By 1845 Samuel Smith partially abandoned his profession as surveyor and located an Lot 27 succession 4 where he owned 600 acres in a block subsequently securing title to nearly 2000 acres in the township He saw active service with the militia during the Rebellion of 1837 38 and later represented Zone in the council of the Western District Seeing possibilities in the use of water power Smith erected a grist mill to grind wheat into flour a sawmill to cut lumber a turning mill to run a lathe to make such items as chair legs a water-powered fulling mill where fleeces were pressed between rollers and cleaned with soap and fuller's earth and a carding mill, where fleeces were combed and untangled The outcrop of rock in the area led to the opening of a quarry from which building stone was procured The picturesque spot still bears the name Smith s Falls Samuel was active till 1852 He died September 15 1867 at age 82 and is buried in Euphemia Township

In 1848 the north part of Zone became the township of Euphemia The name was given by the Honourable Malcolm Cameron Member of Parliament for Kent and Lambton in honour of his mother Mrs Euphemia Cameron In 1849 the districts were abolished and Kent and Lambton were formed as provisional counties This is the first time the name "Lambton" officially appears as a county

Prior to this it was stated that the first town meeting was held in the log church in 1838 and the first District Councillor Andrew Ward was elected In the early 1840 s Joseph Moorhouse was a member of District Council for the Western District and also the first representative to the District Council from Euphemia after 1848

Euphemia had a measure of self government quite early The first council elected after the Municipal Institutions Act took office in 1850 The reeve was Richard Dobbyn clerk William Clements and assessor William Armstrong

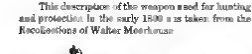
Fence Viewer

Welfare assistance did not come easily in the 1850's according to Englemis Township Bylaw No 85 of May 5, 1868 passed with John Dobbyn as reeve and William Dobbyn as clerk. It provided that there should be no aid for indigents unless their application is accompanied by a letter signed by twelve ratepayers who reside in the immediate neighbourhood saying that it is absolutely necessary that aid be granted

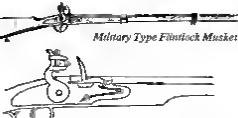
The early pioneer place names in which the word Mills appears testifies to the fact that one of the early pioneer industries was the grist mill. Thus the little hamlet on the river was known as Dobbyn Mills until May 1, 1958 when the name Shetland was applied by the post office department to no office opened in the hamlet on lot 25 concession 2 and 3. This name originated from the Shetland Isles off Scotland. Likewise Bear Creek has been called the Sydenham River since 1846

MUZZLE LOADING FLINT LOCK

This description of the weapon used for hunting and protection in the early 1800 is as taken from the Recollections of Walter Moorhouse



Military Type Flintlock Musket



Powder Horn

The ancient gun hung over the door of the kitchen when I was a lad. It had been a muzzle-loading flint-lock that is the powder and shot were carried not in ready charged shells but in horns. cattle horns I slung from the shoulder. The cap of each horn served to measure the amount of powder and shot to be rammed into the open end of the gun with proper wadding to keep it in place. A ram-rod was attached to the gun for this purpose. Thus loaded the gun was set off by a spark from a flint struck by a trigger and set over a small pan of powder that was led by a shot (filled with powder) down to the powder in the barrel. If the burning powder reached there was the explosion and the discharge of the shot. The phrase "A flash in the pan (expressing futility) came from misfire in the old flintlock the powder in the outer pan went off prematurely with a puff that did not reach the lethal lead in the barrel. But when I came on the scene in the 1880's the unreliable flintlock had been made over into a cap gun. The powder and shot were measured and poured into the muzzle as before but the charge was set off by a percussion cap that fitted over a nipple duct and was struck by a "Hammer-and-trigger". Instead of shot a ball could be inserted in the barrel a ball about the size of a marble that was moulded from lead by the kitchen stove in the long winter evenings. Indeed for lack of shot and ball (and there were shortages in those days) shingle nails were poured down the throat of the gun but only in an emergency. The gun kicked badly as if the huntsman brought home game he also brought home a black-and-blue shoulder. One of the lurid men, my father said, took a got shot at a squirrel missed and the chattering squirrel scampered up a tree. If you had been at the other end of the gun and the hired man rubbing his shoulder and swearing eloquently you wouldn't've run chattering up that tree

Such a gun loaded with shot would have been useless against a marauding bear and my grand father probably was aware of that

THE THRESHING BEE

Remember those threshing gangs of the good old days?

The hauling and stooking came first. If you had an average standing crop it wasn't too bad. But if the field was lodged it had to be cut all one way. In spite of all you did the sheaves came out the size and shape of a coverless feather tick — with four or five of them stuck together. You couldn't stook them so you just threw them into piles and prayed it didn't rain

The Shetland Company Threshing Outfit was operated by the late John Smith of Shetland. A Sawyer Massey engine is pulling a Gould's separator and the car in the background is a 490 Chevrolet. The picture was taken in 1932 or 1933. The outfit apparently burned in a fire in 1936. The company also owned a corn shredder and a baling box. Others involved in threshings in the Shetland area included Bob and Duncan Gray, Bob Leeson, Clayton Sharp, Everett and Alvin Smith, Duncan McGillivray and Wm. Roberts.

After your crop was stooked (shocked) you wanted for a separator (threshing machine) But you didn't sit at house and wait you went to help your neighbours dereal

Day after day you left your own stooks in the field while you worked for the neighbours You hoped the fine weather would hold and that you wouldn't die in the meantime from the dust

At last the steam engine water tank and separator pulled into your yard The separator owner and two or three helpers moved in too for the duration With much signalling and swearing as the falling darkness the machine would be positioned in readiness for the next day's job

Next morning just after daylight when your chores were only half done the neighbours would start to gather You knew the only reason they were there so early was to get out of work at house About ten or eleven o'clock if you were so fast three the dew had risen enough to begin operations

Suddenly all the men disappeared Had they gone home? No eight or ten of them had gone to the field where it was clean So away went the farmer to gather up enough men who either owed him money or weren't too bright to work in the dusty heat around the machine He needed a man or two to help unload three or four on the bags one on the blower and somebody on the straw stack.

Who can forget the way the route was laid out from the machine bagger to the granary? Around corners through narrow doors under scaffolds up stairs or even up planks which some discreet soul had sprinkled with grain ahead of you All of this while you were loaded like a pack horse and bent over double No wonder the straw companies did a soaring business

Meanwhile some poor devil was trying to level and tramp straw floundering waist deep trying to keep out of the way of the dust-belching blow pipe When he'd come down to the ground his face would be pure black except for his little blood shot red-rimmed eyes

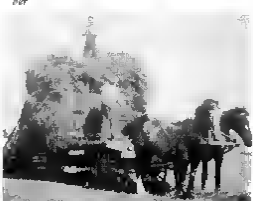
About three o'clock everybody was hoping the machine would break down Anything to get out of the heat dirt and noise The one man who hoped the separator would hang together was the farm owner

Towards the end of the day the teamsters would start exhausting and conniving as no one wanted to bring the last load from the field As the end neared an extra big load would be put on in hopes that that would be it only to find that nine

those out of ten the second last wagon would have a small load on leaving a few stooks for a LAST trip after all

In the early hours of the morning the hustle and bustle would begin in the house Huge roasts of meat were put into the oven and fresh pies

In 1975, Keith Elliott cut a field of oats using a 1935 McCormick Deering binder while Harry Denkers drove the 1948 International Farmall H in preparation for a threshing demonstration at the annual Florence Fair held in September



Haying was a laborious task especially in the heat of early summer Thus the advent of the one man rack and the hay loader as pictured here made the job somewhat easier for Duncan Ian the load and Bob Gray

were made by the dozens by the housewife and neighbour ladies No such thing as having your baking done a week ahead of time and frozen The kitchen table was extended full length and the laundry tubs were set up outside so the men could remove the first few layers of dirt and grime The children ran errands then stood back and waited their turn to eat after the threshers were fed hoping there would be one piece of their favourite pie left

Hundreds of farmers ulcers must have started on threshing day when rain threatened Light rain would begin to fall then it would stop The thresher owner would ask about going ahead and a few more drops would fall About then some character who was smarter than he looked would throw a couple of damp sheaves crossways into the machine and that would be it for the day

Do you really think they ve taken the fun out of harvesting with these huge self propelled combines? Nevertheless memories of the past can relate nostalgic reminiscences to today s youth

SUGARING OFF

Making maple syrup was a business carried on in the spring around Shetland These pictures depict early methods with trees tapped sap collected and boiled in cast iron kettles over an open fire The discovery of natural gas in the area permitted rapid conversion of sap into sugar with the use of an 8 x 15 foot evaporator over a gas fire At one time over 1200 trees were tapped in one wood lot

Syrup making is still carried on today to a much lesser extent Families carrying on the tradition are Jack and George Elliott Owen and Roland Dobbyn Donald and Glenn Elliott and Donald Thompson

Photos by Walter Moorhouse

2 — The Church

The spiritual values of the early pioneers were devotion to the welfare of others and the promotion of good citizenship was of prime concern. These devoutly religious people were not without some fellowship with a church primitive as it was in the beginning.

The first Methodist church in Canada was the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was of American origin. An immigration increased many of the settlers requested English missionaries. To avoid a conflict between the English and the Americans an agreement was made in 1820 whereby Upper Canada would remain under the superintendence of the Americans and Lower Canada would be under the British Conference of the Methodist Church. The missionary organization developed a pattern of circuits and later districts in order to reach and serve the little communities in Upper Canada. A circuit rider or saddle bag preacher would cover a circuit hunting for settlements. Records for this period of time are scarce. But in 1827 Reverend George Ferguson was listed as a travelling missionary on the Thames circuit. No doubt he had heard of the little settlement on Bear Creek in Zone Township. He visited it out visited with the families read scriptures and had prayer. It is highly probable that worship would be held in one of the homes. Despite the best efforts of the travelling missionary he did well if he visited a community once or maybe twice a year. Other missionaries listed for the Thames circuit in the following years were 1828 John Houston 1829 Richard Phelps 1830 Thomas Harmon 1831 Asahel Hurlburt and 1832 Horace Dean.

Mr. Thos. Moorhouse's obituary states that he was converted at age 15 (1831) to the Methodist Episcopal Church at a special revival service held in

the neighbourhood by Reverend A Hurlburt Quite probably a class or congregation would be formed to carry on prayer meetings between missionary visits

In 1828 a separate conference was founded in Canada called the Wesleyan Methodists who were entirely separate from the Wesleyan Methodists of America The English said they could send missionaries to this church without breaking the 1820 agreement. In 1833 the Wesleyan Methodist and the Methodist Episcopal Church united but that union was short lived for in 1834 the Methodist Episcopal Church was reconstituted

As the settlement grew it is reasonable to surmise that the log houses would be overly crowded when families gathered for worship or special meetings So an idea germinated in the minds of the more zealous worshippers of a place large enough to hold all persons who were interested in participating

About this time the Wesleyan Methodist church with roots in Britain was sending out missionaries to Upper Canada In 1834 Wm Griffin of the Wesleyan Methodist Church no doubt contacted the growing Bear Creek settlement Since Thos Moorhouse and his wife were connected with Methodism in Ireland about 1807 they would welcome someone from the British area to their settlement

To meet a growing need and probably encouraged by the visit of Reverend Wm Griffis a log church was built on the property of Thomas Moor house in 1835 and came to be known as the Moorhouse Church

This log church was built in 1835 and Wm Forby (1802 1882) helped with the construction It is thought that this first church built in the area was part of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada Several years later (1843-45) there are recorded reports of the Missionary Society under the Chatham circuit and Zone branch with Moorhouse community names such as Wilson Langford Dobbyn Moor house Johnson Reid Crouch etc and Misses Sarah and Susan Moorhouse as collectors Miss Maria Gibson is also listed as a collector for the Webster Gibson Mills and Kirby families Presumably this was another area but part of the Zone branch Miss Gibson was the first teacher for school classes held in the log church before the log school was built In the 1845-46 report the Zone name disappears and the Moorhouse name is used

From the reports of the Methodist Missionary Society it is evident that Methodism was growing and territorial organization was altered to meet new demands In a 1846-47 report there was a Sydenham and Walpole District which included the Moorhouse branch Reverend John Williams in his report this year said "Our Mission is of large dimensions It extends about 100 miles up the River St Clair about 12 miles up the north branch of the river Sydenham about 30 miles up the east branch of the Sydenham and along the river Sleigh Carty

In 1847-48 the area was known simply as Sydenham Mission and included Walkerburg Baldoon Dresden and Moorhouse branches Baldoon probably was an area around the house where Reverend John Williams and his family lived for three years It was said to have been built by Lord Selkirk nearly forty years earlier and called

The Methodist circuit rider often travelled as many as forty or fifty miles between appointments, enduring hardships that now seem incredible. Travelling in all manner of weather through forests and fording streams and rivers these riders frequently carried their few worldly possessions in saddle bags. When they finally arrived at a community the place of worship was often a house, a barn, a school, and in rare cases a church. Many a circuit rider was responsible for the religious welfare of communities scattered throughout hundreds of square miles of territory

Baldock House — When a successor to Reverend John Williams was appointed in 1849 there is no longer a report on Baldock. It is likely the families joined in with other branches. The Reverend Williams states in his 1848-49 report in part "In regard to the prospects of Methodism on this Mission there are some things to be deplored while there are others that greatly cheer and encourage. The scattered state of the members militates very much against the spiritual and temporal prosperity of our church, while again the eagerness with which the people receive the Gospel message and the large and increasing congregations are truly gratifying to the servant of Christ."

In the same year 1849 there appears to have been further re-organisation of districts and the Moorhouse branch is listed under Wardsville. The evidence of steady growth is stated by Reverend E. Gallows in his 1849-50 report. "The field of labour being so extensive it is impossible to give that due attention which the work necessarily requires, not withstanding we have reason to adore the Giver of all Good for encouraging prospects. In some appointments where it is difficult to get congregations or places of worship or through the blessing of Divine Providence multitudes assemble in comfortable buildings to hear the word of Life." The Moorhouse branch seemed to be conspicuously healthy for Mr. Gallows reports "Our last Quarterly Meeting held in the Moorhouse neighbourhood was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The Love feast and sacrament were so exceedingly profitable that it was difficult to bring them to close."

The style of these itinerant missionaries varied but essentially they held meetings in any place where people might gather. They were frequently evangelical. During the absence of the missionary to nurture and sustain their faith, there were class meetings where participants would testify as to the workings of their faith. There were prayer meetings also. In 1849-50 reference was made to Sunday Schools by Mr. Sallows in his report.

"The Sabbath Schools are making some little progress. The children are attentive and quite ambitious to excel each other in committing portions of Holy Scriptures to memory. And there is no doubt that if pious suitable teachers could be obtained, these institutions would be rendered a blessing to the world."

In 1850 Reverend Charles Silvester made his report with six Moorhouse names listed under the Sydenham Branch saying — "While there is but little Wesleyan Methodism on the River Sydenham we are not without some favourable indications at the principal appointment."

The report of 1853 states "A neat new church has been built in the Moorhouse neighbourhood and the church in Wardsville is nearly finished. The congregations in all parts of the mission are good. The Indian appointment at Fairfield is doing well."

In 1853, a deed for the property was issued on the 6th of September. Then for the consideration of one pound Thomas Moorhouse (1816-1866) conveyed to Wm. Moorhouse, Samuel Fordham, Wm. Fenby, Henry Moorhouse, Joseph Hicks, John Moorhouse and Richard Wilson as trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada a Chapel and Burying Ground in the Township of Euphemia one acre in lot 25 concession 2. The deed was witnessed by Samuel Ward and John Moorhouse. We assume a square single room frame church was built on this lot slightly north of the present brick church. The building was in use until 1882 when it was moved into the village and used as a store until it burned in 1918.

(From tape recording of Rev. A.E. Moorhouse — 1960

In the 1855-56 Missionary Report mention is made of "arrangements made for the building of a parsonage in Florence which is intended to be the head of a new mission." This was signed by W. Ames. Wm. Hawke in his 1856-57 report states "the parsonage completed and the financial state of the mission is encouraging though the majority of the people have had to struggle with great difficulty in consequence of the failure of their crops last year."

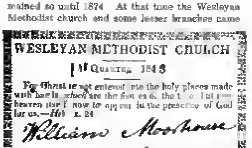
The report of 1858-59 by Reverend Wm. Hawke states that Florence three years ago "was set off from Wardsville with 50 members there are now 228 members and 13 on trial."

In 1860-61 at Florence Reverend Wm. Savage reported, "The past year has been one of pleasing prosperity — nearly one hundred precious souls have we believe been truly converted to God and the church generally quickened. We have a good increase in all our funds especially the Missionary fund which is 50% more than last year." We re-

quire a second preacher upon this field of labour as our brethren are so extensively increasing

In the 1864-65 report the Moorhouse branch is listed under the Euphemia circuit along with the Ousley, McKeune and Annett branches

In 1865-66 the Moorhouse branch is listed under the Wardsville and Euphemia Mission. A year later they are listed under the Newbury Circuit which included the Newbury, Moorhouse, McKeune, Gage and Ousley branches and remained so until 1874. At that time the Wesleyan Methodist church and some latter branches came together to form the Methodist Church of Canada. For the next ten years the Moorhouse church is found under the Florence Circuit.


WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

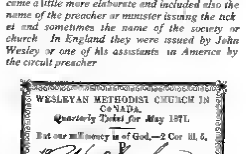
[illegible] QUARTER, 1845

For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.—Heb. ix. 24

William Moorhouse

G. Young

CLASS TICKETS or MEMBERSHIP TICKETS were small cards used in early Methodism both in England and America to identify members of the Methodist Societies. They were first issued only to members of the Bands, but later to every acceptable member of the societies. Originally the tickets bore simply a date, a scripture text and the member's name. Later they became a little more elaborate and included also the name of the preacher or minister issuing the ticket and sometimes the name of the society or church. In England they were issued by John Wesley or one of his assistants in America by the circuit preacher.


WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA.

Quarterly Ticket for May 1871.

But one thing is needful.—2 Cor. iii. 6.

Robt. Moorhouse

M. Burdon

Circuit riders and ministers from 1827-1875

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA

Thames Circuit

1827 George Ferguson
1828 John H. Huston
1829 Richard Phelps
1830 Thomas Harrison
1831 Asahel Hurlburt
1832 Horace Dean
1833 Unknown

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA

1834-36 Wm Griffin Chas B Goodrich
1837 Stephen Miles George R. Sanderson
1838-39 John Baxter Thos McMullen Jas Milner
1840-41 John K Williston Thos Williams
1842 Cornelius Flumerfelt Daniel Wright

GRATHAM CIRCUIT

1843 C Flumerfelt Geo Young
1844 Samuel C Philp Joseph E Ryerson
1845 Wm Willough by Nathan Axtle

WALFOLE AND SYDENHAM MISSION

1846-48 John Williams

WARDSVILLE MISSION

1849 Edward Sallows
1850-52 Chas Silverton
1853-54 Wm Ames
1855 Thos Faucett
1856-58 Wm Hawke Thos Drake
1859-61 Wm Savage Hugh Johnston Jas Thornton
1862-63 John Hodgson Samuel Alexander John Deel Robert Waddell

EUPHEMIA CIRCUIT

1864 Thos Atkinson

WARDSVILLE AND EUPHEMIA MISSION

1865 Conrad Vandusen Thos Atkinson

NEWBURY CIRCUIT

1866-68 Ezra A Stafford
1869-70 Manley Benson
1871 Edmund S Shorey
1872 75 Mr Harris Thos Gee Wm J Ford

During the decade from 1870-1880 a few interesting facts were gleaned from the annual meeting record book 1870 a gallon of lamp oil cost 30¢ and 2 lamp chimneys 20¢ wicks were 9¢ Mrs Drew was paid $6 00 to be caretaker for the year 1871 broom purchased for 20¢ an account book for 40¢ and a cord of wood $1 00 1872 The cost of insuring the church for a year $6 00 1874 John Ward was caretaker for $6 00 and it cost $1¢ 00 to plaster the inside of the church 1875 Wm. H Moorhouse built a fence at $1 80 a rod with total cost $54 50 1876 The caretaking fee had increased to $10 00 per year and $1 25 was spent on hymn books 1877 John Drew offered a piece of land 10 feet on the east, 100 feet on the west and 90 feet wide on the west end to build a church shed The shed 100 feet by 20 feet was built by Wm Henry Moorhouse for $200 The shed cost 30¢ and it took $2 00 to have it registered 1878 The church and shed were insured for $400 00 at a cost of $6 00 Three yards of matting was purchased for the floor 1880 A table cloth cost $2 25 2 bowls were 25¢ and 2 goblets were 37¢

1877

Size of shed
Inspect Long 20 Feet wide
Feet 9 inches high from
bottom of sill to top of plate
Sills 8 inches oak or rock elm
Blocks swamp oak rest of timber
Black ash or elm posts and beams
7 x 8 100 feet equally divided into
six spaces one row of posts in
back one post and beam in each
end One third split for
roof same lighter for the ends
and inside Pine shingles
Black ash or elm for sheeting
I prefer pails American to be
used Shingle nails to be American
shingles to face NE to the
weather planted 8 inches square

Original specifications

Early in 1882 a committee consisting of Charles Graham Albert Ward and Jonathon Quigley were appointed to be in charge of the erection of a new church A contract for a building 46 feet x 30 feet to include building and all finishing was drawn up On April 22 the tenders were opened and the tender of contractor C W Batt of Bell-ville was accepted for $2500 00 S Peters was the architect.

The following was recorded in The Christian Guardian September 13 1882 page 288.

The ladies of the Moorhouse appointment served dinner to a large gathering of people on August 10th To attempt a description of the dinner would only be doing the ladies an injustice The great object of the day was attended to after dinner laying the corner-stone of a new brick church The Rev W S Parker M.A. Chairman of the District was present to take charge of the ceremonies and to adjust the stone which he did in a workmanlike manner but the address he gave afterwards was ample proof that he had not mistaken his calling The following ministers were present and gave short and pithy talks Rev Messrs Hall Bracy McLeod Riffle Freeman Synder and Whiting A tin box was placed in the stone containing the documents and coins interred on such an occasion The proceeds of the day amounted to $64 00

The opening and dedication of the new brick church took place on Sunday November 12 with services at 12 30 2 30 and 6 30 and a guest lecturer Rev Wm McDonagh of Clinton speaking at 7 30 on Monday November 13 Admission to the lecture cost 25¢

A portion of the report in The Christian Guardian December 20 1882 page 408 states The collections on Sunday amounted to $44 00 proceeds of the lecture $34 00 The weather was very unfavourable both on Sunday and Monday Our financial showing would be much larger under more favourable circumstances The church and furnishings will cost about $2800 00 The most of the above is provided by bona fide subscriptions The young people of the church and congregation have bought a very fine organ and placed it in the church for the

CHURCH OPENING!

The New Methodist Church of Canada,

AT THE

MOOREHOUSE APPOINTMENT, on the FLORENCE CIRCUIT,

WILL BE OPENED AND DEDICATED ON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, '82.

BY THE

REV W R PARKER M A who will preach at 10 30 a m and 6 30 p m
The Rev JAS WHITING of Wardsville will preach in the afternoon at 2 30

COLLECTION AT THE CLOSE OF EACH SERVICE IN AID OF TRUST FUND

LECTURE!

ON

MONDAY EVE., NOV. 13th, 1882,

BY THE

Rev. Wm. McDonagh, of Clinton.

Subject:—"Cant, in Science and Religion."

☞ Do not fail to hear this Lecture. The Choir will give some choice selections from 7 to 7 30

Doors open 6 30 p m Lecture to commence at 7 00

ADMISSION, 25 Cents.

EUPHEMIA Oct 30 '82.

[Times print Wilkerell]

benefit of the congregation and Sunday School
(References to Christian Guardian Reports and Weekly of Methodist Missionary Society's reports found in United City in brackets Toronto)

In 1863 John Drew was paid $24.00 for being caretaker of the new edifice

1884 saw the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada dating from 1829 the Bible Christian Church 1832 and the body claiming to be the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada together with the recently constituted Methodist Church of Canada (1874) organically united under the comprehensive title of the Methodist Church of Canada

Methodist Church in Canada—1874
FLORENCE CIRCUIT

1876-78 Ambrose Hunt
1876-77 Walter Preston
1877-80 John Neelands Jas Livingstone
1880-82 Thos Gee Jas Livingstone
1882-85 Jas Livingstone A H Young
Geo Jewitt

METHODIST CHURCH
(Canada Newfoundland and Bermuda) 1882
6 points in the Florence Circuit—Shetland Florence Sunsher Huffs Croton Bethel

1885-88 John Russell G Jewitt W J Smith
Thos E Harrison
1888-91 Wm M Pomeroy Daniel C Martin
John H Morrison
1891-93 John Reynolds A Bowes G Burr
Honeywell Moore Berdette
1893-96 James E Holmes A Alexander
Wigg J W Baird W J Ashton
1896-99 John Kennedy J Coulter C Corsadile Wm Conway
1899-1902 Robert C Burton C Morrow
H Kennedy A W Judd
1902-1905 Wm McMullen C Logan
W H Coulter Wright
1905-1907 Thos Edwin Sawyer C Salter
A Doan A Walden
1907-1910 Peter Myers R Mitchell
A Myers F Craik
1910-1913 A David Whaley J Gordon
S Davidson J E Jones Rebt E Cumming
1913-1916 Walter M Kitely J Elliott
Morley Colling A Page
1916-1918 Joseph Jones J W Plaxton
A Snate

(Recollections of Walter Moorhouse)
(1863-1957)

Walter was the son of Mr and Mrs Robert Moorhouse born and raised on Lot 26 concession 1 Euphemia

The Methodist Church that we attended in the 1880's and after was reached by a winding road that followed crookedly a creek and a river a lovely country road but not one to go into raptures over when the spring break up made them almost impassable as the hills quivering bogs But I cannot recall a single Sunday when the whole family was kept away from church by inclement weather or bad roads On a race occasion the elder and harsher would walk the 2½ miles There was a church (Methodist) nearer than that 2 mile away just beyond the school known as Wesley Church but the Shetland Church first established on a piece of land given by my great-grandfather was the old family church served by my father all his life

Preparation for church service must have been a hectic weekly episode for the family of eleven To use a hackneyed phrase but apt when down on the farm is the theme time was taken by the forelock and preparation got under way on Saturday night There was the weekly ritual of the bath in the gleaming tiled bathroom in the kitchen in a great tub before the kitchen stove a fire of hardwood burning briskly and pots and kettles conspicuous from every service to heat the water All shoes were cleaned and blackened (suspected and retouched if the task irksome to the small boy had not been carefully done

There was no laggard lying-a-bed on Sunday morning In the farms was a herd of 40 or 50 or 60 cattle rattling their horns against stanchions and mangers impatient to be fed a dozen or more cows to be milked the milk to be strained into flat shallow pans in the milk cupboard The horses in their separate stable as early as I can remember were looked after by my two eldest brothers There was a flock of chickens there were pigs and sheep chores for everyone And we had to hustle for church service began at 10 o clock with Sunday School

We children were sent off in good time in a democrat with a body high above the wheels to get to the two seats involved an ascent as high as the entry to a pullman car 'Twas a lofty ride and

sary for the seats were set on the edge of the box or body and were open to any wind that blew. Buffalo robes were used to wrap about the knees. These shaggy hides still in the 1880s poured out of the west a cash crop from the plains for the early settlers. Eight or nine of us were regularly packed into the democrat behind us of the working teams and made our plodding way to church.

In the rural Sunday School thirty or forty children and adults came together weekly. Divided into classes they were scattered here and there about the church. Uniform lessons were used the one Scripture selection was studied by the juveniles and the grey beards. A four-page leaflet called the Berean Leaf was the chief text or lesson help for the scholars. It contained the Bible text, a list of daily Bible readings, questions on the text and of course the Golden text. If this was correctly memorized a little ticket the size of streetcar ticket and printed in color was given to become a prized possession in those lean days. The Banner was the teacher's stand-by. If I am not mistaken Orward was even in those days a paper eagerly awaited from week to week by all. Its editor Dr. Withrow. When I was beginning to read a little paper of simple diction was put in the hands of my age group (I'm afraid it came from Chicago) and I remember making a continued story would appear in it just as the story of Little Lord Fauntleroy was serialized in St. Nicholas. Sure enough a continued story started right away. Its title — Silly Sally.

Of all the teachers at whose feet I sat (literally for usually the teacher posted himself on the back of the seat in front of us in his feet sometimes on the floor, sometimes on the seat right beneath our noses as we leaned forward from our seat to catch his questionings and teachings in the general hubbub of the room) I say of all the Sunday School teachers the one I recall quite clearly was a young farmer with some education (he had attended Pen mouse College). Not unfrequently he got our attention by a question — out of the blue as it were, an unexpected question that tested our general knowledge. How many feet has a fly? — with no time given to catch one of the flies buzzing about and investigate. Occasionally he brought an object to the class to discuss briefly — he always had an attentive group of small boys. As I discovered later he was a man of narrow views but of strict integrity and an ardent advocate of temperance. Years later when cars began to bedevil the roads he had some trouble with his car — a flat tire — was helped by a passing trucker and discovered too late twas the trucker of a beer barrel. The said his face was red a long long time.

At 11 o'clock worship service was held. An indication that time was up for the Sunday School session were growing numbers of adults (our parents among them) assembling at the back of the church or quietly sliding into their pew if it happened to be empty. The arrival of the minister was the final signal that Sunday School was over. Many of the boys and girls hurried out and home. But the children in our family were expected to remain in fact it was mandatory. The family pew was a rule pew well forward in the church and accommodated five adults. That was too confined for a family of eleven (ten always present) and we spread across the aisle to the centre adjacent pew all seven boys to become the most noticeable group in church from the row of whiteheads descending in order of size from my oldest brother Llewellyn in towering six feet two to the youngest whose head did not yet reach the top of the pew. I listened to the sermon not with attention to the exposition of any text or theme but eagerly awaiting any story or illustration that might be used. In my boyish estimation the best preacher was he who garnished his sermon most with stories. Some of these I still remember and also recall the text of the first sermon I ever heard, the first four words of the Bible — "In the beginning God" — a text that required no feat of memory to cling to.

After the 11 o'clock worship service which usually ran beyond 12 o'clock some of the congregation left for home while the members of the Church (or as many of them as were so minded) remained for class-meeting. There were two or three leaders each of whom assumed those a thing in a row of pews as his class and went from member to member and asked how the Lord had dealt with them. Each member would rise in his or her place express gratitude for the way they had been led and end their testimony with some such appeal as

Pray for me Christian friends that I may prove faithful. This little fellow like myself were ignored but were not altogether inattentive. It wasn't long before they could repeat some of the testimonies word for word. God for some reason or other seeming in our youthful thought to be treating those members in the same monotonous way. And then we younger fry were strangely alert when certain

members were testifying. One dear old lady who sat immediately in front of us would slowly rise (she always sat with her head resting against the wall on the top of the wainscotting leaving a permanent record of hair-oil there) and in a quivering voice would begin her testimony and gradually lead off into subdued sniffs and sobs, to our inquisitive delight. So impressed were we by this that when we played "church" at home and came to the class-meeting part of our service our response was usually a sniff or a blubber remarkably reproduced by my younger brother Reg who was a born mimic. Indeed my mother considering this a lack of respect or reverence came in to stop the riot or reprove us but hurried away to hide her laughter.

By and by there was organized a class for the young fry that remained for class meeting. Perhaps necessity compelled this restlessness but surely was evident after three hours of sitting on hard uncushioned pews. The leader (and perhaps instigator) was a lovely young lady who gathered us into a corner of the church behind the organ where the choir assembled. The class was conducted on the lines of the adult classes we were each asked to give our experience. Young exhibitionist that I was I seized on the chance with avidity and glibly imparted what some of my elders had said. As for personal experience in those tender years I didn't know what it meant. Not that I didn't want to know God and have Him speak to me. Clearly I remember bare-footed, heading for home from the post-office in West piling up with black clouds. I wished that the Almighty would write His approval of me on those black clouds, such as my schoolmaster would chalk a metre on the blackboard. No sign was given.

The class-meetings were enlivened with sung. Some one lead off a capella with a familiar hymn. Usually this was done by one of the leaders John Ward the hunch back mentioned before. He had what was probably a strong baritone voice and an ear for music never once did he pitch too high or too low as he led off with familiar hymns. "There is a fountain filled with blood [a terrible line for a child to comprehend] or O Sinful Land (I pronounced that O hate the land" and wondered if it had any connection with a plow as if a plow could "hate" it). Another hymn and the line "On the terrestrial ball." I took that word ball to mean a dancing orgy and wondered how the line got into our Methodist Hymn Book contrary to the footnote in the Methodist Discipline that forbade dancing as a lure of the devil.

Sometimes the class meeting was turned into a fellowship meeting with the Minister presiding within the altar rail. In this a member would rise and give his experience as he was moved to do so or would break into song unannounced. We always welcomed this for then always a shorter session many of the members being afflicted with dumbness when expected to express their experience before the whole congregation.

We would arrive home about 1.30 of the afternoon. One of the eleven of us always remained at home. A kettle of potatoes peeled and in the pot would be put on the stove to be ready by the time the rest of the family arrived from church. In the winter time once dinner was eaten Sunday clothes were doffed and work-a-day togs put on for there were the stables to be cleaned out and fresh straw scattered in the stalls and other odd chores to be done so that afternoon was far spent and little time left for rest. As for games on that day "were never thought of at least never mentioned. And to conclude those Sundays of the 80's when the chores were done and supper over, we all gathered round the great solid walnut dining room table and each with his own Bible before him read verse by verse in turn the Bible lesson for next Sunday. There was no expectation at all that it seemed to be a simple acknowledgement by our parents of their duty to God and their family.

Our church was one of a six point circuit (six churches) that was served by two men, an ordained minister and a probationer a young man preparing for the ministry and between periods of his education preaching for a three year term of practical testing. My first recollection of a senior minister was not a happy one. My father conducted family worship in those early years of my life twice a day reading the Bible consecutively from beginning to end. I can't recall his reading the "begats" chapters of the Old Testament. His prayers were never extemporaneous he always used a prayer book. When a minister called on pastoral visitation the family was brought together as many as were within hailing distance and he led in family worship. This particular minister I no referring to was a thin cadaverous fellow with black whiskers of a rather mouldish turn as I remember him. He was given the Bible that my father used daily a fairly large volume that was beginning to show the wear and tear of

time on a broken book loose leaves The minister took it from my father with the remark "Hather richly has it lig," or words to that effect. My parents received the rebuke without reply. One lively-year-old never forgot it and in his earlier ripening years resented the injustice of the remark. The only hands that touched the Bible, he knew, were the gentle but toil-worn hands of his father. Later years brought tolerance and excused the misdirected zeal of that particular minister

From 1882-1918 there were 6 churches on the charge, namely Florence Shetland, Fanabier, Huffs (Dawes), Croton and Bethel (Zane) That is why there are so many supply ministers listed for these years

After the brick church was built, the old frame church was sold to Andrew Ward who moved it to the gore and used it for a store

By 1887 $30 00 per year was being paid to J Ward for being church caretaker The average collection in 1890 was 68 3/77 cents Lambton Mutual held the insurance policy on the church and stood in 1891 for $2,000 00 and $150 00 respectively in 1894, there was talk of putting in a basement A new stove was purchased and total expenditures for the year reached $89 51

An addition to the shed was built in 1896 and the first posts built was repaired

A piece of land for enlarging the cemetery was purchased from John Drew for $190 in 1897 Money was borrowed to pay the balance on the shed ($142 75) Receipts for the year amounted to $181 00 Expenditures were $261 00 leaving a deficit of $80 00 The next year (1898) an interview was held with the architect regarding a report on costs and plans for building a basement and choir place in Shetland Church In 1899 the year end deficit of $7 42 was borrowed for the grave yard fund In 1900 subscription was taken to pay the balance of the parsonage debt One hundred eighty dollars was borrowed in 1901 and a new furnace was installed Also B M Johnson was paid $72.50 for a gas machine

(From the Recollections of Walter Moorhouse)
(1883 1957)

In the early 90 s when I was seven or eight years old a very special event was chronicled in the history of our little church Twas an anniversary and for the guest minister the officials scaled the top of Canadian Methodist hierarchy as ranked for real got the General Superintendent of the Church, the Moderator the Pope as it were if Canadian Methodism the title Dr Albert Carmen Of course such a dignitary attracted worshippers from afar as those horse and buggy days and soon the officials were in a quandary as they tried to seat the unusual numbers. As a partial solution of the problem the ushers picked out all the small boys from here and there throughout the congregation, herded them in the front and had them sit on the low platform that supported the altar rail and the communion table, a platform six inches high and with about six inches of setting room between the edge and the altar rail We accepted the invitation with a good deal of interest I had no sooner taken my seat a little to the right of the pulpit (which towered above us on a higher platform) when I was smitten with the resemblance between the spindles of the altar rail and the stanchions of the cow-stable These were upright posts about three inches thick and five feet high placed in pairs, the posts of a pair about a foot apart and one of the pair fixed securely the other movable to the right at the top so that the cow on admission to the stable would thrust her head between her two stanchions the movable one would be pulled over and planted thus Bossy was secured. As I sat that morning on the platform by my two spindles of the altar rail Alas a cowstable, I whispered to the lad beside me and thrust my head through the spindles in the manner of a cow only to discover to my great mortification that like the cow I couldn t withdraw my head How long I was held a prisoner there I have forgotten but my rescue was effected by a robust woman in the pew in front of us who sensed my predicament and forcibly yanked me out.

But that was not the end of my woes Dr Carmen was vigorous speaker in a sense that we lowly little fellows in front were very well aware before the sermon was over he paced from one side of the pulpit to the other to see him and to hear him spell the crick in the neck for every one of us except the most indifferent Besides some nervous affliction I learned in later years had affected some of his facial muscles and as he earnestly preached he could not altogether control the spittle in his mouth and a fine spray was emitted to his more favorable moments When he swept to my side of the pulpit I was right in line of the spray Nor was

SHETLAND CHURCH CIRCA 1906 — Note double chimneys and L shaped shed semi-circle window above entrance.

there a way of escape grin and bear it was very well exemplified that Sunday morning at the altar rail

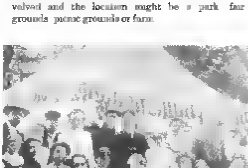
From The Christian Guardian
January 1, 1902 page 4

The re-opening services were conducted by the Rev S W Muxworthy of Alvinston secretary of Conference on the last Sunday in October Receipts over $70 The trustees have put in a furnace and an acetylene gas plant and thoroughly remodelled the building Shetland has now one of the most attractive country edifices to be found in rural sections and it is gratifying to know that the entire cost of the lighting heating and redecorating has amounted to about $300 has been met by subscription and proceeds of a concert

Richard Laird was janitor in 1904 for a salary of $25 00 He was to keep the temperature as near 70 degrees F as possible That same year a resolution was passed to remove the acetylene plant from under the church and encase it in cement outside

In 1907 Inwood hardware was given a contract for a new church roof and it was decided to put Georgia pine on the ceiling Mr Loosemore of Inwood was to varnish the new wood The window over the front entrance was fixed and Mr Pesha was paid $5 00 to tear down the brick work of the furnace

In the early 1900 s the Methodist families would hold tent meetings The sessions would include picnic meals music and prayer and worship sessions More than one congregation would be involved and the location might be a park fair grounds picnic grounds or farm



Tent meeting in the early 1900 s

(Recollections of Walter Moorhouse)
(1883-1967)

About the turn of the century when I was going to High School and still in my callow teens Rev Wm McMullen was senior minister on our circuit, Rev Clark Logan the "young man". A few years later Mr McMullen began what proved a long and distinguished service as Associate Editor of the Christian Guardian with Dr W H Creighton the editor. He was a hearty man, widely read, true pal of his family and an inveterate tease. I recall the first week he and Clark Logan made to our home. They had dinner with us. There we were seven or sophisticated boys bashful (generally) Innocents led to a barage of relentless teasing no let-up throughout the meal. Twas hilarious. Near the end of the meal my brother Reg and I slipped away from the table unnoticed in the uproar. Some big mind have stirred the same thought in each of us because without a word between us, we hurried to the drive barn where the horses were stabled and the road vehicles housed. There in front of the barn was the minister s buggy and their rig properly stalled and feed ng To my grandchildren who have lived their lives in a motor age and know that the front tires of a car can be changed to the rear because the front and rear wheels are the same size it must be told that the front wheels of a buggy are smaller than the rear perhaps six inches or a foot less in diameter For two reasons perhaps the larger rear wheel always with its heavier load rolls along with less resistance than one smaller in size while the smaller front wheel permits a much narrower turn So we attacked the minister s buggy We ex changed a tall rear wheel with its opposite lower front stood back and admired our achievement s lop-sided vehicle skew-haw at both ends We saw to it in due time that the horses were ready and hitched and at the door for the departing ministers who commended us for our kind attention in having hitched their horses for them They got into their rig still laughing and chaffing quite inattentive to everything except their fun We were told that they had driven six miles to the parsonage before discovering their odd predicament a little surprised along the way by the bemused expressions of the few parishioners they met

I was twelve years old when I was asked by the Rev J E Holmes to join the church He had called that day at our home had his dinner and was preparing to get his horse attended by three or four of us to the horse stable There in front of the horse-stable in an absent mood I had tripped and sent sprawling my younger brother on the straw and manure when the minister proposed that I should join the church I consented but was somewhat bewildered because I was filled with a sort of wild joy after such a decision I had attended a revival service at which a Free Methodist had walked up and down the aisle in an ecstasy of joy in her experience of God, shouting in great earnestness and at great length blessing the joyous day she had given her heart to the Lord Why I never experienced such an ecstasy was a matter of concern to my young and seeking mind

The envelope system for contributions was adopted at the end of the year 1911 at a cost of $4 70 and in 1912 the church gave $5 00 towards a grant for sidewalks in Shetland Joseph Dobbyn Richard Laud M Healy N Moorhouse J Dyke man R H Badgley and L Weaver were allowed to perform their statute labour thereon

In 1914 a piece of land was purchased from Thomas Moorhouse on the north and west sides to square the property with the road and make a reasonable allowance for the valley The north side of the shed was reshingled with cedar and eave troughs were installed In 1919 the front platform was rebuilt as desired by the choir and about the same time the church was painted in a pastel shade Scrollwork was put over the windows and the picture at the front was painted Natural gas lights were installed After some consideration in 1918 and a gas stove was purchased from Edwin Moorhouse for $7 00

Re erend George Ba-ard was stered on the Flowenee circuit from 1918 1922 Later his son John ministered from February to July 1951

July 1918 FLORENCE FANSHER SHETLAND
FLORENCE CIRCUIT (one minister)
1918-1922 George Barnard
1922-1928 John Sutton

In 1925 the Methodist congregations virtually all the Congregational churches and about two thirds of the Presbyterian congregations joined to become the United Church of Canada. The inaugural service was held in Toronto on June 10, 1925.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CARD

Shetland Methodist Church
Shetland, Ontario
ANNUAL CARD OF MEMBERSHIP
For the Closing Year of the Methodist Church, May 31st, 1925
Name ... Class ...
Ps. 122:1 — "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."
This little card will be a means of strength and encouragement to the pastor if it is given spiritual expression in your regular attendance at every service of the Church. Especially do we welcome the presence of our Sabbath School scholars, whose faithful attendance we crave the fifth time we shall be able to write, and always.
J. W. BUTTON, Pastor

This annual membership card was issued to Jas D Dobbyn by J W Button for the closing year of the Methodist Church May 1925.

1928-33 Wm Lovegrove
1933-35 Forbes J Rutherford
1935-40 Dan B Gaynor
1940-43 W Donald Goodger
1943-47 C Wesley Cope
1947-51 A Thrower
1951 (Feb to July) John Barnard

In 1951 the Florence charge again had 6 churches under its jurisdiction — Florence Fansher Shetland Huffs Rutherford and Dawn Valley The assistant minister resided at Rutherford

1951-56 W S Miner C Kelly 1956 — died in 1956
1956-61 J Douglas Woollatt K. Kellar Gertrude Aikenhead

Jake Gesbrecht

In 1961 Fansher church was closed Shetland became part of the Oakdale charge along with Ebenezer Mills The Fansher congregation was diverted to Florence Shetland and Rothwell

1961-63 G R (Dick) Clark
1963-65 C F Graham
1965-68 Douglas W Hearn
1968-70 H Lane Douglas
1970-73 John R Wareham
1973-77 Jake Gesbrecht (lay minister)
1977-78 Ken Riggs (lay minister)

The church was redecorated in 1926 and hydro was installed in 1952 by Roland Dobbyn Charlie Bolton and John Aglah

The church shed was well used for several decades not just on Sundays but also during the week Teamsters coming to the village for grist or groceries would tie their horses up and look after their business With the advent of the automobile the shed became obsolete In 1957 Frances W (Frank) Johnston bought part of the shed moved it to his farm and used it for a hen house In 1961 Gordon Coulter purchased the remaining shed moved it to the gore and used it as a machine repair shop

MURAL RESTORED — This group of ladies came to view the restored mural at the front of the church in 1955. The work was done by a Polish artist Mr Malczyk of Windsor The painting originally done in 1916 depicts Christ blessing the little children The wording around the arch is done in gold leaf Back row left to right Pearl Sharp, Gertrude Dobbyn Margaret Moorhouse Mary Elliott. Front row left to right Frances Moorhouse Marion Gray Lizzie May Christine Parker

The interior of the church was painted in a pastel shade in 1955 by Charles Malczyk of Windsor The painting at the front originally done in 1916 was copied from a picture on a Sunday School paper replacing a floral design prior to this The painting was restored and the scrollwork above the windows and arch were undisturbed The wording in gold leaf read Worship in the Beauty of Holiness

A new oil furnace was installed in 1966-67 The U C W purchased a new piano for the church and new red hymnals for the choir in 1973 In 1982 the United Church invited the Anglican Church to participate in the compilation of a joint hymnal, so the red hymn book was published in 1971 72

By 1976 a major renovation project was underway again This time the walls were stripped three quarter inch styrofoam was put up then covered

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE OCTOBER 1976 — Left to right Guest minister Reverend Lane Douglas the altar had the honour of cutting the ribbon on the brown shanty) visiting minister Reverend J Douglas Woollatt past members who returned for the occasion Mrs. Ree (Elmer) Bucknell, Mrs Betty (Rey) Dobbyn Mr Harold Dobbyn

with drywall and painted. The window at the back (some would call it the front but probably better known as the leaky window) was removed and the space bricked in. New carpet was laid in the choir loft, pulpit area and aisles. The side rooms were panelled and the whole front entrance room and stairs were carpeted. New front doors were hung and the building has been kept locked since 1975. The U.C.W. purchased a vacuum to clean the new carpet.

That same year the United Church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary since union. On Sunday June 8, 1975 a special service was held. Many who attended regularly 50 years ago returned and were presented with a gold corsage or boutonniere.

These two little Shetland girls (left) Janet Elliott (daughter of Doreen and Glenn) and Mandy Rich (daughter of Verne and Ron) distributed flowers to the people who were members in 1925.

The above people were either members or attended Shetland United Church regularly in 1925. Back row: Harold Dobbyn. Florence Russell Gray. Florence. Centre: Mrs. Agnes (Dobbyn) Tinney—Shetland. Mrs. Mary (Powell) McKellar—London. Mrs. Kathleen (Fenton) Sinclair. R.R. 2 Bothwell. Mrs. Ada (Stevens) Peters. Merlin. Mrs. Ivy (Stevens) Walker of Bothwell. Mrs. Grace (Craig) Smith of Bothwell. Mrs. Edna (McGillivray) Elliott. R.R. 2 Florence. Mrs. Lizzie (Still) May. R.R. 2 Florence. Mrs. Margaret (Campbell) Moorhouse. R.R. 2 Florence. Delbert Brownlee. Alvinston. Mrs. Mary (Gray) Elliott. R.R. 2 Florence. Front row: Mrs. Marguerite (Dobbyn) Blakie and Jim Blakie of Shetland. Mrs. Leva (Tully) McAuslan. Edy's Mills. Clayton Sharp—Wardsville.

When anniversary time rolled around in October 1977, the usual bets were posted for cleaning bees. Since there were no indoor washroom facilities at the hall or church, it was deemed necessary that the outhouses be renovated for the occasion. The committee of three, designated for the task certainly took the responsibility seriously and so emerged the "Shanty Saga". The diligent workers tackled the job from the top - by shingling the roof. Of course, every housewife knows that, in put a double row of asphalt shingles along the eave and work your way up to the ridge board with neatly nailed rows. From so we had lots of advice given by the men folk. It wasn't our fault that the roof wasn't perfectly rectangular and the rows started to slant a bit. A tricky spot was doing a neat job around the air vent as we covered the ridge board. The privacy fence was painted - not once but twice! The interior was papered and a burlap drop ceiling was installed (to keep the hornets closer to the roof). Carpet was laid and a welcome ribbon adorned the back wall. The "Dining room" was given at the annual meeting -- 1st coat of paint - Hunswick Brown (tea suggestive). 1 gallon $14.96 sympathetically donated by Helen Frangleg. 2nd coat of paint chocolate brown (suitably subdued shade). 1 gallon located at Elliott Bros. workshop (had been lost for 2 years). 3 different shades of asphalt shingles and nails donated by Elliott Bros. Roy Johnston and Victor Ross dry stripped wallpaper contributed by Dorothea Moorhouse carpet staples wash book and Observer (reading material) from Mary Ross welcome ribbon white paint and turquoise trim from Helen Fansher needle thread and plastic bag from Agnes Tinney (The seam strenghts miscalculated and cut the drop ceiling too short on one end)

The work committee left to right Helen Fansher Mary Ross and Florence Johnston putting shingles on.

Financial Report Burlap (for ceiling) | $4.26
2 paper holders (1 left handed 1 right handed) $1.48 Colour co-ordinated toilet tissue .49 caulking cement .87 Total $7.11

We appreciate the generous support afforded us by so many local citizens. Regretfully we wish to inform you that we cannot take on any more such jobs in the near future. We have outgrown our selves. We recommend to the board of trustees that lightning rods and eavestroughs be installed as soon as possible and that consideration should be given to updating the insurance coverage

Signed. The Committee -Helen Fansher
Florence Johnston
Mary Ross

While the committee were home for lunch they returned to find their work project had been inspected and this report nailed to the door

By May 1978 a new church had been built at Edy's Mills and Reverend Anson Moorhouse had capably completed an extremely busy year as President of the London Conference. At that particular time there seemed to be a slight feeling of despair and indifference within the 3 point charge. With a rallying objective in mind Dr and Mrs A C Moor-

Irons agreed to take on the ministerial duties of the Oakdale Pastoral charge and did so with no salary being paid for 3 years However the financial objective across the charge was to remain the same and the money set aside in a capital fund for a current project

In 1978 it was decided to sell the manse in Oakdale and a new manse was built two lots to the west. With a tremendous amount of volunteer labour excellent co-operation among the three congregations and the good-will of the Moorhouses the new manse was officially dedicated in August 1981 with no debt owing. Since that time the basement has been completed again with much volunteer labour

THE NEW MANSE AT OAKDALE

Reverend A E Moorhouse Anson s father and his mother Minerva (Powell) were born in the Shetland community Although Anson was born in Sheldon Ontario his mother recorded that he attended his first church service as a baby at Shetland in 1908 She also said he behaved like a perfect little gentleman Like his father and uncle before him Anson entered the ministry and was ordained in 1935 ultimately working in the national offices of the United Church of Canada as director of Berkeley Studio In 1971 he was given an Honourary Doctor of Divinity degree from Victoria University Toronto for his contributions to the church Dr Moorhouse selected the Shetland area for his retirement built a new home on Spruce Row (River Road) and moved in October 1973 In September 1974 he married Dekie (Hiuoko) Sada a colleague in Berkeley Studio

Dr and Mrs A C Moorhouse

This year 1985 marks a milestone 50 years in the ministry An Open House is planned for Sunday June 9 at Shetland hall to honour Dr Moorhouse a Jubilarian on this special occasion

In September 1981 Reverend Eric Hudson was inducted as minister of the Oakdale charge Coming to Shetland from the Bancroft Carlow pastoral charge the Hudsons were the first family to occupy the new manse

The family immigrated to Canada from England in 1974 bringing with them a high music profile both vocal and instrumental as an interest and a vehicle of faith

Since Reverend Hudson held Ministry Supervision qualifications two student ministers spent summer internships on the Oakdale charge In 1982 David Murata a Japanese-Canadian stud-

dent from Toronto spent 4 busy months participating in numerous activities visiting the shutins in homes and hospital supervising Youth group bus trips and money raising projects conducting summer church services instructing Scouts in Religion units attending Bible study sessions teaching Japanese culinary arts playing football and attending Junior Farmer meetings while riding Russell Elliott's motorcycle for transportation and living with Betty and Hugh Leeson

In 1983 Kathy and George Addison aged 3 sons spent 4 months on the charge in the same capacity This time the pastoral charge under the direction of a Student Support Committee provided a fully furnished home in Dawn complete to linens and the U C W a stocked the cupboards and refrigerator with food Both students felt they had gleaned a good overall view of a rural ministry and had learned a great deal working with Eric—as a teacher friend and colleague

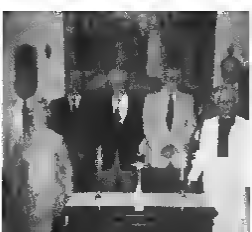
During 1984-85 Eric was chairman of Lambton Presbytery and also on the executive of London Conference

A major project begun in 1984 and completed in 1985 has been the building of an 20 x 32 foot addition to the church For the past 15 years mentions has been made each year about a second door to comply with fire regulations Now there is a fire escape door and a lovely room which can be used as a nursery had their room Fennell's of Newbury were the contractors and Meyer Bros of Oakdale did the brick work Total cost will be about $21 000 00 upon completion

During the past four years the pastoral charge has continued to grow numerically financially and spiritually as Eric has compassionately assisted the needy in times of despair sickness and sorrow rejoiced in the good times and humorously related anecdotes on English accents customs and hobbies

Eric Hudson is leaving the Oakdale charge in June to continue his ministry in Petrolia

Reverend Timothy Dayfoot an ordinand of Toronto will begin his ministry in July on the Oakdale charge



ELDERS 1985 — Back row left to right Cecil Tinney Robert Tinney Stan McAuslan Anson Moorhouse Fred Fansher Front row left to right Mrs Mary Elliott, Mrs Marion Harding Roland Dobbyn was absent when the picture was taken.

STEWARDS 1985 — Back row left to right Jim Sharp, Chris Moorhouse Gordon Fansher Alex Elliott. Front row left to right Margaret Ann Wright Mary Jane Lambrecht Catherine Osborne Absent when picture was taken Ron Sharp and Lloyd May

Shetland Cemetery

The first church at Shetland was built in 1835 but there is no record of a deed being given for the church land until September 6 1853 Then for a consideration of one pound Thomas Moorhouse conveyed to the Trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada a Chapel and Burying Ground in the Township of Erpheum one acre of land for a church and cemetery as part of Lot 28 concession 2 The deed was witnessed by Samuel Ward and John Moorhouse

The cemetery was divided into lots 8 by 16 feet and half lots 8 by 8 feet. At this time there was no charge for burial plots

The minutes for the annual meeting in 1876 record a drain put in the graveyard at a cost of $4.00 In 1877 John Drew offered a piece of land 16 feet on the east 100 feet to the west and 30 feet wide on the west end The extra acreage allowed room for a church shed 100 feet by 20 feet, to be built north of the church

In 1890 John Ward was appointed caretaker when plots cost $5 00 for a full lot and $3 00 for a half lot. In 1893 a piece of land was purchased from J Drew for $100 00 as an addition to the cemetery By 1904 plot prices had increased to $8 25 and $3 25 respectively and John Ward was to be paid 25 cents commission for selling lots and looking after the same

In 1917 another piece of land was purchased from Mr Drew for $100 00 for enlarging the cemetery

SHETLAND CEMETERY BOARD — Front row left to right Roland Dobbyn, Donald Elliott, Stan McAuslan, Cecil Tinney Rank row left to right Russell Elliott Owen Dobbyn Allan Gray Tom Elliott. Absent when picture was taken Ted Sharp Alex Sultan Ray Moorhouse Robert Tinney

In 1901 plots cost $8 50 for non members and $6 50 for appointment members In the 1907 minutes the trustees are recorded to have voiced their objection to the bringing of a corpse into the church before burial and advise that interment take place before the memorial service

In 1914 an offer of Mr Thomas Moorhouse was accepted to exchange the S E corner including the valley of the creek for a piece of land on the north and west sides to square the property with the road The rate to be $100 per acre and a reasonable allowance made for the valley It is the part now known as section C In 1915 the were put in the cemetery and the men were paid $2 00 per day

By 1920 the cemetery was looking quite ragged so the adult Sunday School class arranged bees to dig level and reseed the whole area A caretaker was hired so since then the plot owners haven't been responsible for the upkeep

In 1923 C section was laid out and the price changed to $20 50 per lot 8 by 16 feet The caretaker received $32 10 for mowing the grass

In 1955 the Department of Consumer and Commercial Affairs advised the board that they would have to set aside a minimum of 35 cents per square foot of each grave sold as a perpetual care fund

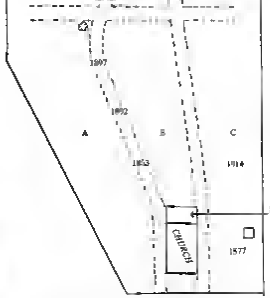
Three-quarters of an acre of land was purchased from Douglas DeMyra in 1958 and is now known as Section *D*

The Department of Consumer and Commercial Affairs advised the board in 1982 that they would have to charge a minimum of $35 00 per grave for perpetual care As a result the price of a grave rose to $50 00 and remains the same today (March 1985)

In 1984 the caretaker received $1250 00 for mowing the grass

The Cemetery Board holds an annual meeting each year and other meetings if necessary to discuss business during the year A couple of work sessions are usually held during the year These are organized by the board with many community volunteers assisting

One devoted board member Roland Dobbyn has held the position of secretary-treasurer for more than thirty years



Map of Shetland Cemetery

Roland Dobbyn

Memorials

Brass Vase — in memory of her mother Laura Ebbes (Debbie) Livingstone born January 1869 at Shetland died October 1927 daughter of Wm E Dobbyn Presented by Laura Bassett

When Fansher church closed in 1961 several items were donated to Shetland. These included a hymn board — in memory of Cliff Kelly a stained mounted from 1956-57 a silver communion bread plate purchased with funds from the following estates Mrs (Nettie) Timothy Rolston John Vail Wm J Davis and Harvey J Davis a silver beglined bowl in memory of Mr and Mrs Dorter C Walker and a communion tray

Communion Table — In memory of Stanley S Moorhouse and Margaret Evelyn (Burdon) presented by Eric Moorhouse

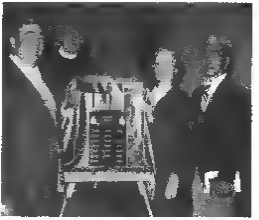
Brass Cross — In loving memory of Peter Pasha (1833-1916) and Henrietta Ward (1836-1911) donated by Mrs C Staffiles Pasha in 1978 also Brass Candle Sticks donated in 1980

After the war about 1945 the Craig family donated a large pulpit Bible to the church. In 1968, the Bible mysteriously disappeared. It was replaced in 1969 by the Craig family in memory of their parents Mr and Mrs Charles Craig and their son Henry who died in the war. This Bible is used at the present time (1985)

A public address system was installed in December 1975. It included outlets for connection with tape recorders for the recording of services and extensions for an overflow congregation. This was a gift of the Moorhouse and May families in memory of Alice Moorhouse, who was concerned with and involved in Christian education at New Beach United Church, Toronto and Alfred May who came to Canada in 1906, living and working in the Shetland area and a church member till his death in 1966.

The Sunday School donated a War Memorial Plaque in memory of the men who died in World War I 1914-1918.

In November 1978 a Wooden Plaque was presented containing the Honour Roll 1939-1945 listing the women and men who served in World War II.



Unveiling Honour Roll plaque left to right Glen Elliott Reverend A C. Moorhouse Mrs. Helen (Fred) Fansher Don Suzuki guest from Florence The names on the plaque are

George Stan ey Bolton R C A F
Clayton Alexander Bolton Army
Howard V ncent Craig Army
Russe Carlyle Ell ott R C A F
Henry Raymond Cra g R C N Hal fax
Lloyd Russell May R C A F
John Dona d Smith Army
Harold Duncan Bolton Army
Gordon Saint Rowntree Army
Charles Thomas Dark R C A F
Robert Sheldon Hay Army
Jennie Hazel May R C A F
Hurc b Everitt Robinson Army
David Dona d Bolton Army
Charles Les ie Mur ey* Army D epot
Thomas Robert E lett R C N
Wi liam J Harrod Army
Thomas Alexander Moorhouse R C A F
Archie Peyton Smith Army
Roy E an Vanslckle Army

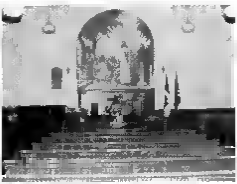
* Gave his life

In April 1976 Mrs Marion Gray and her family Mrs Margaret Baddes Mrs Maimie McDonald Alex and Allan donated a lighting system which focuses on the large painting behind the altar in memory of Duncan Alexander Gray That same day Mrs Eunice Fennell and her sister Mrs Phyllis McCreary donated the new white and gold pulpit drape and communion table scarf in memory of their parents Douglas Alexander and Bertha (Reycraft) Dobbyn and their brother Alexander Reycraft Dobbyn

In 1976 a memorial fund was set up Mrs Marion (Donald) Elliott donated a pedestal lectern which came from the McClintock family home and a book was purchased to record the names of those who have had funds donated to the church in their memory The fund is presently administered by Mrs Helen (Fred) Faulkner secretary-treasurer A pianist s hymn book and psalm books have been purchased and it is hoped an organ can be realized in the future

In 1975 when the stage was removed from in the hall this brass lamp was found It was refurbished and is now hanging in the north west corner of the sanctuary It was probably in use until about 1900

In 1971 the United Church Women purchased a Canadian flag to stand inside the Christian flag at the front of the church



Interior of the church — Past and Present

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS
South side of church front to back

In loving memory of John Henry Powell and his wife Ella Theresa erected by the family 1949

Presented by the Women s Auxiliary 1952

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Reverend Clayton Moorhouse 1871 1940 and Reverend Anson Moorhouse 1871 1965 erected 1967

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Nathan and Emma Moorhouse (Grandparents) Harry and Ila Moorhouse (Parents) by daughters Marion and Pauline 1977

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS
North side of church, front to back

In memory of Thomas Moorhouse 1772 1844
and his beloved wife Jane Hopkins 1783 1869
erected 1953

A Memorial to the Dobbyn Family
Richard 1796 1878 and
his wife Mariah Bobier 1799-1869
erected 1954

In loving memory of
Manley Stafford Moorhouse 1870-1943
and his wife Margaret Evelyn Burdon 1869 1924

In loving memory of
Levi Herris Badgley 1876-1953
Sarah Jane Badgley 1878 1955
erected 1977

3 — Church Organizations

WOMEN S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The original name of the first women s group was Women s Missionary Society of the Shetland Methodist Church which was founded on May 26 1898 Charter officers were President Mrs Alex Dobbyn Vice-President Mrs Robert Moorhouse 2nd Vice President Mrs Thomas Risk Corresponding Secretary Miss Edith Dobbyn Treasurer Mrs Alex Auld

The group was organized by Mrs Scatchard There were 12 members and they raised funds from teas quilting a quilt ($1 25) and mite boxes On December 1 1898 a bale was packed to be sent to North Bay

In 1899 Mrs Guino was canvasser for The New Outlook This was an early church magazine which preceded the present day Observer

It is interesting to note that the Christian Guardian mentioned in the early church history had its beginning as a Methodist Church paper in 1829 In 1925 at Church union the Christian Guardian the Canadian Congregationalist and the Presbyterian Witness joined under the name New Outlook This paper was printed until 1928 when the name was changed to United Church Observer

The money sent to the branch secretary that year was $66 73 and a bale was sent to J Wilfrid Morley Alberta to be distributed in the McDougall Orphanage

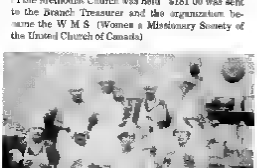
Projects for 1900 are outlined as follows Easter Thankoffering used for India Relief Fund Sale of goods sent to Ethelbert Manitoba and support of a Bible woman in Shimoka Money was raised by collecting used stamps 104 tea quilts and mite boxes

In 1902 there were 18 annual members Mrs. Cochrane was appointed as superintendent of Systematic Giving and a bale was sent to Reverend M Fish Mattawa, Ontario A bale of goods was sent to Muncey in 1904 and in 1906 one hundred plates spoons and cups were purchased for church use Funds from a garden party were used to pay for them

Money raised for the year ending in May 1907 was $90 78 and a bale valued at $36 was packed in December and sent to Resthole The study book for 1909 was Story of the Years and in 1910 $25 00 supported a child in the Jennie Ford Orphanage while $36 supplied a cot in the Chengtu Hospital The King s Business was studied In 1913 and a total of $131 00 was sent to the Branch Membership increased and by 1916, there were 19 members and $166.05 sent to the Branch treasurer

In 1917 and 1919 bales were sent to White Fish Lake also a barrel of fruit fowl and baking was sent to the Deaconess House in Toronto For the years 1921-1924 the remittances to the Branch Treasurer dropped to about $100 00 or a bit less Topics studied were Canada s Share in the World Task Building a Nation and Planters Extraordinary

In April 1926 the last meeting of the W M S of the Methodist Church was held $281 00 was sent to the Branch Treasurer and the organization became the W M S (Women s Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada)



SHETLAND KITCHEN KABINET BAND — Back row Mrs Charles Stevens Mrs. Edwin Moorhouse Mrs. John Powell, Mrs. Jim Dobbyn. Seated Mrs George Brownlee Mrs Thomas Moorhouse Margarette Dobbyn Mrs George Palmar Mrs Edar Brownlee

LADIES AID GROUP

Officers in 1936 included President — Mrs A Dobbyn Vice-President — Mrs J D Dobbyn Recording Secretary Mrs C Stevens Corresponding Secretary — Mrs T H Moorhouse Treasurer Miss Elva Johnston There were 20 members at this time

From 1936-1938 members averaged 14 and remittances for Mission and Service averaged $123 00 From 1938-1946 members averaged 18 and remittances averaged $114 00 There were 4 life members

From 1946-1961 members averaged 20 and remittances averaged $186 00 There were 7 life members by then

In 1962 the Women s Missionary Society became U C W (United Church Women) Officers at that time were President Mrs D Gray Vice President Mrs H Dobbyn Secretary Mrs T Elliott Treasurer Mrs D Elliott

From 1962-1972 members averaged 20 and remittances averaged $174.00

From 1972 on the number of members has remained fairly constant and the allocation has increased steadily from $255.00 in 1978 to $600 00 in 1984

Highlights of the 1978 activities included quilting a Lone Star quilt at the Brigden Scenic Threshers Show a garage sale June 9 and 10th realizing a profit of $358 00 and a session at the hall to make Christmas decorations Several individuals or groups decided to have personal projects to make money to be used to renovate the hall One such group Mrs Ray Moorhouse Mrs Fred Fansher and Mrs Lloyd May decorated bread for table centres baskets and plaques These were sold and profit of $700 00 donated to the hall fund

In 1979 a glass collection amounted to $94 60 Hasti notes with the picture of the church on them were sold and Shetland Picnic lunch booth proceeds were $760 45 Guest speakers for a Resource Centre Program were Bonnie Chester and Marjorie Banks Miss Susan Rahmer was also a guest speaker from Sarnia Centre for children Dr R McClure was a guest for an Oakdale wedding and Oakdale a centennial speaker on May 20 1979

A Bible Study Group was organized in January 1979 to be held on Wednesday mornings at 2:30

A new project for 1980 was visitation and donation of cookies to the local lakebook Homes and Bentide Haven This was undertaken by U C W and Institute members for the second Tuesday of each month with Mrs John Neville in charge

Glass collection amounted to $107 00 more silverware was purchased for the hall and Mrs Alfred May celebrated her 50th birthday Personal projects included Mrs Jessie (Dawn) Dobbyn a handmade Easter eggs Mrs Verna (Ron) Rich a

Mrs. A.C. Moorhouse presents Life Membership to three U C W members in March 1977 Mrs. Marguerite (Jas.) Blake, Mrs Agnes (Cecil) Tinney Mrs. Lizzie (Alfred) May

Tupperware Party and Mrs. Jean (Norman) Elliott a organ recital by Mr. George Heldt of Chatham. A flea market and garage sale was held November 7 new towels and bun baskets were purchased for the hall and new fabric Christmas decorations were made for the hall Christmas tree.

The original brass lamp used in the church at the turn of the century was restored and hung in 1981. Decoration day was held at the cemetery on August 9. New floor coverings for kitchen and entry way was discussed and the new mantle was nearing completion. A guest speaker for Maxine Elliott's April meeting was Mrs. Marianne Adams of Sarnia Lambton Home Care Program.

A Japanese cooking session was conducted by David Murata a Japanese student minister who spent 4 months on the charge. David donated $25.00 to the hall fund and it was used to purchase a small coffee percolator.

Each month the Nursing and Rest Homes are visited. Entertainment in the form of a singsong is conducted with Mrs. Helen (Fred) Fincher at the piano and Lloyd and Marion Marding leading the singing.

A guest speaker from the Sarnia Lambton Centre for Children and Youth was Mrs. Michael Sluyt. The hall entry and bathrooms were carpeted a new refrigerator was purchased new shrubs were planted in front of the church and new chairs for the Sunday school were paid for. Net returns from catering a pot luck supper garage sale Shetland Picnic booth glass collection and sale of hasti notes amounted to $6684.12.

The U.C.W. helped support the Youth Group Family Weekend by donating $125.00. the hall was sprayed for pest beetles, and a cupboard built for storing the vacuum etc. The hall floor was refinished, new castors were put on the piano, three new kitchen windows were installed for better circulation and the kitchen ceiling was painted. Equipment included the purchase of 2 ft. tall chairs 2 card tables and 1 extension table. A guest speaker was Mr. McIlmoyle of Glencoe who talked about the Quad County Group Home. As of December 1983 the meeting date was changed to the first Tuesday of each month. The average attendance at meetings was 12 and the conference and allowance was $481.00. There were 10 banquets catered, a glass collection donations from funeral luncheons proceeds from Shetland Picnic booth sale of Hasti notes amounting to $5761.69.

In 1984 bulletin boards were purchased for the hall and church a quilt was donated to the Lambton Untel Church Centre for their July sale and church plates were ordered. The Youth group was given $550.00 for their year's budget.

The new addition was completed at the church and is presently used for a Nursery class during services. Carpeting and lighting was looked after by Mrs. Owen Dobbyn and Mrs. Russell Elliott. Programs included: Women's Roll in the Life of Jesus speaker Lorraine Gill on colours and seasons speaker Mrs. Victor Ross on Cuba discussion on smoking and its effects explanation on girl guiding Bible study: Has Jesus Image Changed? Under missions it was decided to adopt Rick and Janice (Wolfe) Potter (Mr. Cecil Tinney's granddaughter) who have gone to New Guinea as missionaries for three years. A monthly letter is written to the couple and monthly collection and birthday box money is placed in a special fund for them when they return.

A Poor Boy's luncheon netted $250.00 with

half the proceeds going to the Institute

A painting of the church done by Olive D Miller was donated by Mrs Grace (Harold) Delahyn a former member and painted and hangs in the hall Net receipts from all projects and activities including donations amounted to $7 680 04 Altogether $10,513 92 was paid out for congregational expenses by dedicated U C W members

Serving a banquet is not performed by the ladies alone The teenagers act as waitresses and the men pitch in to serve tea and coffee and wash dishes There is great community spirit and fellowship especially when community residents from other faiths offer their assistance too.

The 1966 program is well under way Four electric knives and other kitchen equipment has been purchased $100 has been donated for the C G I T camping trip Brooke Emmedilen U C W gave a demonstration on anti-pornography at a monthly meeting seven representatives attended the U C W conference at St Paul s Church Scrolls and banners are being planned for the July 14 one hundred fifty year celebration.

THE LADIES AID OR WOMEN S ASSOCIATION

The exact date and year of founding of the W A at Shetland Methodist Church is not available but it is thought to be about 1916 during World War I The church needed redecorating and since money was scarce at that time the W A was formed to raise money to meet those needs

Some of the charter officers and members were Mrs Milton Moorhouse Mrs John Williams Mrs Charles Stevens Mrs Henry Johnston, Mrs George George Mrs Tom Johnston Mrs Joseph Dobbyn Mrs James Dobbyn Mrs George Brownlee Mrs Alex Dobbyn Mrs Levi Badgley Mrs John Powell Mrs Clayton Sharp, Mrs Edwin Moorhouse Miss Lottie Powell Miss Elva Johnston, Mrs T H Moorhouse

It was the duty of the W A to keep the church and hall decorated and pay hydro bills The group had a lunch booth at Shetland picnic each year The booth in the olden days was rather crude, consisting of a few boards nailed from tree to tree Many a wet year found rain water getting into delicious pies for there was no roof The butter and milk were kept cold by placing a cake of ice in a wash tub and putting the food on top of it to keep it cold

Then there was the big church supper held each fall following the church anniversary with a fine program after the meal Each member would bring two or three cooked chickens stuffed with dressing and two or three delicious pies and all the fixings The gala affair was held in the hall basement with no pantry facilities whatsoever not even water However, they managed quite nicely Of course there would always be a house cleaning bee to get things ready for the big occasion This was when anniversary meant attending two services and overflow crowds were required to sit on chairs placed out on the front cement walk The suppers were discontinued about 1941 during war time

The W A was never too widely organized The W M S took the lead and in later years the two groups worked together alternating presidents and holding joint meetings finally amalgamating in 1949

In January 1962 the Women s Association and the Women s Missionary Society united as United Church Women commonly known as U C W

THERESA POWELL MISSION CIRCLE

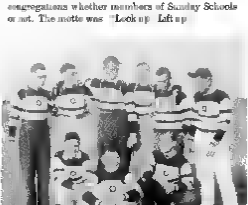
On May 17 1940 the Mission Circle met for the first time at the home of Mrs Douglas Dobbyn Absentedly Mrs Aubrey Oldham installed the officers and Mrs Proctor and Mrs Milliken explained the facts and work to be carried out by the organization There were 11 members Advisory President Mrs Alfred May President Mrs Duncan Gray Vice President Mrs Charles Dark Recording Secretary Miss Grace Frederick Corresponding Secretary Miss Mildred Bolton Treasurer Mrs Ewen Spearman Supply Secretary Miss Hazel May Community Friendship Miss Inez Smith Temperance and Citizenship Mrs Judson Moorhouse Stewardship and Finance Mrs Hector Gibson Missionary and Watch Tower Mrs Charles Graham Press Secretary Miss Betty Drage Literature Miss Lois Smith Pianist Miss Lois Smith and Miss Ewen Spearman

As attendance grew it became the Evening Auxiliary in 1946 and in 1949 joined the W M S

The projects of the group included knitting and sewing articles for bales They held teas and had special speakers They made jig-saw puzzles and scrap books Mrs Charles Stevens donated a quilt top Mrs C Stevens and Mrs D Brownlee donated flour sacks for lining and it was quilted at Mrs Duncan Gray s Funds were raised from Thank Offerings fees envelopes teas and suppers

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Epworth a village in north-east Lincolnshire England is the birthplace of John and Charles Wesley who wrote many of the hymns we sing The Epworth League was an International Methodist Youth Organization as the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries The organization was first founded in 1890 within Methodist Churches of America because of a need to provide a more definite church life for and with young people In 1889 the General Sunday School Board of the Methodist Church in Canada pursued the same plan Its fourfold pattern was spiritual and devotional life educational activity missionary outreach and social activities intended for the young people of congregations whether members of Sunday Schools or not. The motto was "Look up Lift up



YPU 1939 — Back row left to right Donald Smith Lloyd Bilton, Carrie Sharp Tom Elliott Cameron Hay Henry Craig Front row left to right Alex Moorhouse Jack Sharp, Archie Smith.

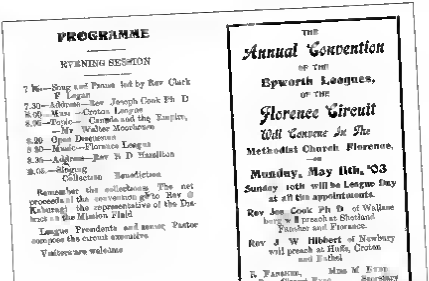
YOUTH GROUP 1979 — Back row left to right Gordon Fansher Joy Moorhouse Craig Moorhouse, Wendy Fansher Mrs McClure Christine Elliott Scott Elliott Elizabeth Elliott Michelle Dobbyn Front row left to right Ken Kirke, Terry Acton, Dr McClure, Mary Jane Elliott Norman McAuslan

The first young people s group was organized by Reverend J Holmes in April 1896. They named it the "Shetland Epworth League" The first president was Miss Theresa Dobbyn and the first secretary Miss Minnie Powell These meetings were attended by young and old alike

In 1937-38 the Young People had a hockey team and played against an Alvinston team on an outdoor rink In 1939 under the guidance of Dan Gaynor they formed a ball team and even had sweaters with the crest on it.

During Dan Gaynor s ministry the group from three churches Shetland Fansher and Florence had approximately 45 members They put on plays religious dramas and conducted church services

Over the years there has been a Young People s Group of some description some more active than others In 1958 the name Young Peoples was changed to Youth Group Jake Geisbrecht conducted regular meetings with the Youth from the three churches from 1973-1977 Mrs A C (Dickie) Moorhouse led a group within the Shetland church



PROGRAMME

EVENING SESSION

7.00—Song and Prayer led by Rev Clark F Logan
7.30—Address—Rev Joseph Cook Ph D
8.00—Music —Croton League
8.06—Recitation—Carmela and the Empire, —Mr Walter Mouldeson
8.20 Open Discussion
8.30—Music—Florence League
8.36—Address—Rev B D Hamilton
9.05—Singing
Collection Benediction

Remember the collections. The net proceeds of the convention go to Rev G Kalsrud the representative of the District in the Mission Field

League Presidents and assoc. Pastor compose the circuit executive

Visitors are welcome

THE
Annual Convention
OF THE
Epworth Leagues,
OF THE
Florence Circuit
Will Convene In The
Methodist Church Florence,
—on
Monday, May 15th, '03
Sunday 14th will be League Day at all the appointments.
Rev Jos Cook Ph D of Wallace being will preach at Shetland Fraserburgh and Florence.
Rev J W Hibbert of Newbury will preach at Hoxie, Croton and Tabel

R FRASERBURGH, Pres. Circuit Exec
MISS M EVERETT, Secretary

This convention program shows that each of the six churches on the Florence Circuit under the ministry of Reverend W McMullen had a League group

PROGRAMME

MORNING SESSION

10 00.—Devotional Exercises, led by Rev W McMullen.
10 15.—Topic— Spiritual Growth" —Miss Edie Campbell
10.30 —Discussion led by Miss F Fanshaw and Miss E Kerby
10.40.—Music—Shetland League.
10 45—Reports of Leagues
11 05.—Topic— Social Work, its Range and Effect.—Miss Annie Hodder
11 40—Discussion led by Messrs W F Fanshaw and Thos. Gammon
11 55—Hymn No. 498
Collection Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2 00.—Devotional Exercises, led by Mr John Ward
2 15—Address—Rev R D Hamilton.
2 45.—Music—Fanshaw League.
2.50.—Topic— The League's Relation to the Evils of the Day "—Miss Mary Davis
3 10.—Discussion led by Messrs F Childs and Percy Sclioby.
Intermission of 10 minutes.
3.35.—Music—Bethel League.
3.35—Debate—Resolved That the Advantages of Rural Life outweigh its Disadvantages. Affirmative —Mr J R Powell, Miss E Broad and Miss J Fenton Negative—Miss W Dobbyn Mrs John Emery Mr. Melvin Moorhouse
4 05.—Music—Bible's League.
Collection
Hymn No. 196 Benediction.

from 1977-1981 (more as a senior Sunday school class). Reverend and Mrs. Sherwood spoke to the group about their experience in Hong Kong and when Dr. McClure – past moderator of the United Church was in the area he spoke to the group, answering questions about his missionary work.

For the past three years the attendance at Youth Group meetings has ranged between 25-40 under the direction of Reverend Eric Hudson. Bible study and fellowship hour has centered on Bible verses, a study called "How to be a Christian Without being Religious" and in 1984, the theme was "Change". Activities included swimming, "drive in" movies, winter and summer camp outs, skating, jogging, volleyball, campfires and sing songs, and Youth Rallys, one in Thedford and one in Sarnia. In 1982, eleven hundred dollars was raised from a jog-a-thon. Three quarters of the proceeds went to the Lambton United Church Centre and one quarter to the Ministry of Personnel and Finance in Fiji – part of its role is to support the student ministerial body. Money was also raised at a Variety Night and a bike-a-thon. In 1984, a car wash raised $750.00 a Christmas birthday party honoured Jesus Christ and the movie "The Hiding Place" was viewed. The summer camp weekend was held at Rock Glen and enjoyed by all who attended. The winter camp – a more serious get together was held at the United Church Centre, when 60-90 young people and leaders joined in renewing their faith in God.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP — Front Row left to right: John Fansher, Norman Thomson, Russell Elliott, Marilu Smith, Dave Felton. Second row left to right: Verna Dickson, Mary Louise Fansher, Rita Rolston, Rev. Dan Gaynor, Ivy Corlett, Fernice Maynard, Pauline Moorhouse. Third row left to right: Irma Paddick, Inez Smith, Louella Rolston, Jean Walker, unknown, Laura Thomson, Marie Walker, Mildred Bolton. Fourth row left to right: Lloyd Bolton, Tom Elliott, Lloyd Dickson, Jack Hind, Currie Sharp, Andy Thomson, Fred Leeson, Jack Sharp, Manson Corlett, Donald Smith. Fifth row left to right: Lloyd Thomson, Lionel Jones, Archie Smith, Cameron Hay, Charlie Dark, John Maynard, Henry Craig, Alex Moorhouse, Bert Hay, Lloyd May.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sabbath schools as they were called then were mentioned in the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society reports in 1845 1850 so have been in existence since the first churches were built Walter Moorhouse aptly described the classes he attended as a boy Classes were held for all ages from Beginners to Adults

The Sunday School Picnic was the big event of the year often meaning a trip to a nearby lake or park

In 1976 a project was undertaken by Sunday School pupils in Shetland and those children attending school in Hong Kong where Reverend and Mrs Garnet Sherwood were living and teaching The pupils exchanged tape recordings snap shots drawings and letters in order to acquaint themselves with life in each country

The Sunday school of the 80 s ranges from three

In 1977 a large group of Sunday School pupils took part in a White Gift service organised by Dr and Mrs A C Moorhouse Christmas customs in many lands were portrayed and a candle lighting ceremony held The money given in White Gift envelopes was sent to Rev Garnet Sherwood in Hong Kong to further their mission work there. With the Moorhouses are left to right back row Ronnie Cowell Barry Elliott Mandy Rich Bradley Ross Janet Elliott Front left to right- William Gray Janice Elliott, Ann Lawson, Jimmy Rich Greg Biddiffa

THE SHETLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC (the bathing suits depict the era)

year olds in the nursery to the pre teens in the intermediate class to the Coffee Hour following church for those 14 ?

The sincere commitment and dedicated support of the leaders the session and pastor have made the Sunday school a vital part of the Shetland United Church congregation The younger children anticipate taking part in family celebrations such as Mother s Day White Gift Services and Christmas festivities

Special Mission Sundays help the children understand more about the Church s work in other parts of God s world When they bring their money gifts in Mission boxes Mrs Dickie Moorhouse is presently in charge of missions and the groups special mission people are Rick and Jan Potter and their children Jaffrey and Sean They are of interest to Shetland folk because Janice is a granddaughter of Cecil Tilney They are working in Papua New Guinea and the Sunday school pupils here have been exchanging letters and pictures with pupils there

The new addition on the church provides a nursery room for the newest members of the congregation Margaret Ann Wright is in charge and little ones are welcomed by volunteers

The Sunday school picnic in the park songs games and 'toast your own weiners and marshmallows' provide another experience in living in God s world

There are presently 12 dedicated persons in charge of music and teaching with some as part time assistants

Another generation of Sunday school pupils back left to right Nellie Meier Lilly Meier Shannon Bolton. Patsy Elliott Dianne Dobbyn Front left to right Patsy Dark, Neil Macauley, Linda Dobbyn, Stuart Sharp holding Brad Sharp Catherine Elliott, Robert Elliott Sue Anne Elliott, Julie Bolton.

Marion and Pauline Moorhouse and Old Jim (the horse) ready to leave for Sunday School.

SHETLAND LITERARY CLUB

While Reverend John Button was ministering at Shetland a literary debating club was formed in 1923-1924. Agnes Dobbyn was President Edna McCall-ray was Vice-President, Margaret Campbell - Secretary and John Aulph - Treasurer. A paper was printed with Frank Johnston as editor and chief of the Shetland Eye-Opener. His assistants were Nelson Powell and Charles Craig. Monthly meetings were held in the evening in the Shetland Methodist Church. Activities included debates such as Resolved that books exert more influence on character than do companions, hyma sings and musical numbers. A light snack and socializing concluded the club meetings.

MEN S CLUB

Through the efforts of Reverend C. Wesley Cope a Men s Club was formed in 1945. By the winter of 1946 there were thirty members and they put on an excellent minstrel show. However the pressure of spring work in a farming community and a change of ministers resulted in the club s termination.

DAWN EUPHEMIA INTER CHURCH YOUTH FIRESIDE GROUP

For a h year period approximately 1949-54 this group included young people aged 14-2h from 6 churches Shetland Florence Fanshaw Huffs Dawe Valley and Rutherford. Average attendance was 40 but at times was as high as 72. Fred Fanshaw and Dee Sundin both had terms as president. They sponsored carol singers had an annual open air church service and winter roast and raised many needy causes. The collections sent delegates to the Christian Youth Conference of North America. Ministers during this period were Reverend A. Thrower Reverend J. Barnard and Reverend W. S. Miner.

RELIGIOUS DRAMA CLUB

For a five year period 1951-56 there was an active drama club on the Florence charge. Mrs S. Miner directed the plays which were presented on an annual basis with an Easter theme. Music was provided by Mrs Grace (Harold) Dobbyn. The dramas were put on in other centres. Alvinston and Moravian town as well as Shetland.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 1958 Florence — Back row, left to right Lynda Northcott Carolyn Green Nancy Bolton Centre row left to right Goldwynne Maynard, Bill Elliott, Bev Bolton Carolyn May Front row left to right Louise Jones, Nancy Leeson, Shirley MacRobert, Melvin Gwinn.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 1983 Oakdale — Senior Group (age 8 to 13) concentrate on their lesson and craft session A mid morning snack and song time conducted by Mary Louise Butler gives the pupils a break Other volunteer workers include Debbie Winders Jerry Knight Anne Dunlop and Betty Leeson in care of supplies Pictured above left to right, back row Stacey Gray Marie Gray Marie Olds (staff) Adrianna Belan, Deanna Belan Cindy Stevens Sherie Curtis Cheryl Knight Pat Belan (staff) Seated Chris Butler Marc Addison, Kenny Knight Shawn Butler Jeff Butler

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In the 1950 s when Reverend Woollett was minister on the 6 point charge vacation Bible school was held in the Continuation School at Florence In the early 60 s Shetland became part of the 5 point Oakdale charge and Vacation Bible school was held in Oakdale In 1962 and 1963 the student ministers organized the school Quite a number of Shetland children have attended over the years

OAKDALE PASTORAL CHARGE PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP

This group was formed in the spring of 1980. They met twice a month for an informal sharing of ideas, songs discussions and scripture readings which gave meaning faith and hope to Christian lives Invited guests shared experiences in the ministry and in the mission field In 1984, the group did not reconvene

THE MISSION BAND OF SHETLAND CHURCH

Unfortunately the records of the Mission Band of the Shetland United Church cannot be found so the information we have is taken from the minutes of the Women s Missionary Society

The fifth day of August 1902 the forming of a Cradle Roll was discussed As there were no few children under five years of age it was thought best to organize a Mission Circle or a Mission Band Such motion was voted on and carried— so a letter was sent to Mrs Harrison — superintendent of Circles and Bands to come and organize one

On the seventh day of October 1902 there is an account of five dollars paid to Mrs Harrison of London for coming to organize a Mission Band which was to be called the Help-On A-Bit Band The colours were to be yellow white and green - those of a daisy

The first superintendent of the Mission Band was Miss Edith Dobbyn Others were Miss Eliza Palmer Miss Lettie Powell Mrs George Palmer Miss Evelyn Long, Miss Ethel Peeke Miss Mary Powell Mrs Cecil Graham Miss Margarete Dobbyn, Miss Agnes Dobbyn Mrs T H Moorhouse Mrs Roy Dobbyn Mrs Edward Sharp

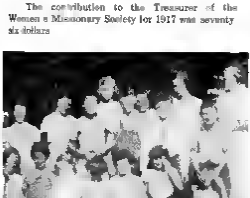
For many years the Mission Band supported a cot in a Chengtu Hospital China It was called the Freddie Powell Memorial cot In memory of one of our local young men Freddie Powell who passed away in a Windsor Hospital

The Mission Band was active in different ways for fund raising One was by having a corner of their own at the Annual Tea and Bazaar held by the Women s Missionary Society

Another was their annual Birthday Party Following is a copy of one of their original invitations

Only a cent for each year of your life
Will give you a welcome hearty
As invited you are for March Twenty first
To our Mission Band Birthday Party
Now if you don t care to tell your age
A dollar will surely hit it
As you may live on and on and on
Till the years and the pennies are fitted

The contribution to the Treasurer of the Women s Missionary Society for 1917 was seventy six dollars



SHETLAND MISSION BAND (about 1938) — Front, left to right Madeline Smith, Donna Leary Mary Smith Patricia Leary Shirley Bolton Marie Leary John Drage Centre left to right Ruth Brownlee Lois Smith, Cecil Brownlee David Bolton Alex Bolton, Maurice Smith. Back left to right Betty Drage Margery Gibson, Dorothy Drage Mrs George Palmer (leader)

At a special meeting of the society several other auxiliaries were invited to come and hear Miss Annie Martin a returned missionary speak In the minutes we read that the crowning feature of the evening was how the members of the Mission Band catered to the guests in a manner which gave them great credit

Many times the members of the Mission Band provided the program for the annual family night which the society held Each year the July meeting of the Women s Missionary Society took the form of a picnic held at the home of one of their members at which the members of the Mission Band were in charge of the Worship Service

A most interesting program was organized for the year 1943 On the outside cover of this well prepared program was a picture of Gentle Jesus among a number of children Underneath the picture there words were written —

Children who walk in Jesus way
Light shall go with them day by day

Each month in 1943 the members of the Mission Band held their meeting at the home of one of the members of the Women s Missionary Society Here are the names of the members who opened their home to the Band Mrs Douglas Dobbyn Mrs Cecil Graham Mrs James Dobbyn Mrs E Drage Mrs Merritt Smith Mrs C Stevens Mrs D Brownlee Mrs J Smith

In 1944 Mrs James Blaine was their superintendent with Miss Betty Drage on assistant

In 1945 Mrs Cecil Graham was superintendent In July the Women s Missionary Society had as their guests the members of the Ruby Band the Mission Band and the Mission Circle at the home of Mrs T H Moorhouse

On December the second 1945 a special Missionary Service was held in the Shetland Church The music was provided by the members of the Help-On-A Bit Mission Band. The guest speaker was Miss O Neil missionary who showed slides on her work in China

It is rewarding to know that many of the members of our little Mission Band of the Shetland United Church have continued to be faithful members of the different organizations of our church and community

CRADLE ROLL OF THE SHETLAND METHODIST CHURCH

The Cradle Roll was for small children up to the age of four years when they were old enough to attend Sunday School

The Shetland Church Cradle Roll was organized in March 1914 and Miss Eliza Palmer was appointed superintendent

Miss Palmer left the community for other duties and Mrs Clifton Wilson became superintendent She filled this office for thirty years When she was absent for a time Miss Marguerite Dobbyn took her place

After Mrs Wilson, Mrs Charles Elliott was appointed followed by Mrs Duncan Gray and then Mrs Cecil Tinney

When the Cradle Roll was started an application form was sent to the parents On it was recorded the baby's name date of birth parent's names parent's church and date of joining the Cradle Roll

The parents were given a certificate signed by the pastor and the superintendent The child was given a small gift on becoming a member and birthdays were remembered with cards

For a time a Cradle Roll record hung on the wall of the Sunday School beginners room

To be a Cradle roll superintendent was a pleasant duty of service within the church.

BABY BAND

There was an organized group of tiny tots with in the Shetland church during the 40's and 50's Rilla Williams is listed as superintendent in the mid forties and Mrs Betty (Rey) Dobbyn is listed as a superintendent in the late 50's.

MESSENGERS

An active group of messengers met on a regular basis during the 50's at the hall or in the leader's homes They studied children in other lands did craft work and gave their collections to missions. Leaders and assistants included Mrs. Joyce (Edwards) Sharp Mrs Audrey (Alex) Bolton, Mrs Jean (Norman) Elliott Mrs Dorothea (Raymond) Moorhouse and Mrs Betty (Reyl) Dobbyn

BABY BAND

MESSENGERS — A group of Shetland youngsters attending their Messengers class, at the hall. Left to right: Linda Meyer Elizabeth Elliott Wendy Fanshern and Carol Johnston.

EXPLORERS

Explorers started on the Oakdale charge about 1966. Meetings have been held in Oakdale and the leaders were from the Oakdale area until 1984. In 1982 there were 21 members, only 1 from Shetland. Activities have included taking part in a worship service at Oakdale attending a World Day of Prayer service, listening to missionary speakers from Haiti, South America, etc., going to Explorer Camp at Lamreston, preparing Christmas treats for shut-ins, dinner parties and holding a Mother and Daughter banquet to conclude the yearly program. Fund raising activities have included selling plant hangers, T-shirts, holding a bake sale and Poor Man's lunch. The proceeds cover local expenses and the remainder goes to missions and the Bible Society. In 1984 two dedicated leaders from Oakdale, Melba McLennan and Marguerite Butler, retired after many years of service. The group now meets at Oakdale hall on every second Tuesday from 7-8:30. The program has been modernized so a new purpose, prayer and hymn had to be learned. New leaders and helpers are carrying out the format of the interdenominational group.

NEW EXPLORERS — In December 1984 an Initiation Ceremony was held at Oakdale hall for the Explorer Group. The girls received their "red" star for learning their promise, motto, prayer and hymn. Back, left to right: leaders Jackie Urquhart, Edy s Mills, Jill Hudson, Oakdale; Karen Harris, Oakdale; Donnie Elliott, Shetland; Marie Otis, Oakdale. Centre, left to right: Michelle Lonsmore, Jill Osborne, Kathy Urquhart, Jennifer McGuire, Neela Peters, Heidi McGuire. Front, left to right: Jennifer Osborne, Krista Barnes, Adrianna Belan, Kerry Phillips, Kay Lun Peters and Jennifer Elliott. In May 1985 Adrianna Belan, Suzann Elliott, Kerry Phillips and Krista Barnes graduated to C.G.I.T.

C.G.I.T.

Canadian Girls In Training is an interdenominational group with a National Organization with 10 000 members throughout the world which celebrates its 70th anniversary this year (1985)

The C.G.I.T. for Shetland Oakdale and Ely a Mills area was organized with the help of Reverend Bob Clark in September 1962. Meetings were held in Oakdale Community Hall under the leadership of Mrs. Hugh Leeson with Mrs. Lorne Deighton and Mrs. Wesley McKay as assistants. There were 24 members. Officers that first year 1962-1963 were: President - Diane Brown, Secretary - Diane Wagner, Treasurer - Jean Sunseri.

In 1963-64 Mrs. Clayton Moore and Mrs. Donald Elliott were assistants. Due to increased membership the group was divided into 2 parts - 14 seniors and 18 juniors. Senior President - Nancy McLennan, Senior Secretary - Shannon Bolton, Junior President - Lori Barnes, Junior Secretary - Lois Leitch. Treasurer for both groups was Margaret Brown.

In 1964-65 Mrs. Ray Mackie was assistant. There were a 19 members. President - Gail Mackie, Secretary - Patricia Elliott, Treasurer - Lynda LaPointe.

Each meeting consisted of a worship service, Bible study, crafts and games. Mrs. Wayne Leeson came from time to time and led the singing. Several times a speaker was invited to attend.

Used stamps were collected and money from the sale of these went to help support a Leper Colony. Each year the girls held a Hallowe'en Party. During December they went caroling at the homes of sick and shut-ins. They also made tree ornaments, candle holders, stars and angels which were used at special Candlelight services in Oakdale Church.

Presents were sent to the Southwestern Regional Centre at Cedar Springs and plastic Easter baskets and cotton rabbits were made and sent to War Memorial Children's Hospital in London. Chocolates were sold for Mother's Day.

The C.G.I.T. ended each year's program with a Mother and Daughter Banquet followed by films.

One of the highlights each year was the Camp Rally at Lanoreton. Many of the girls attended Lanoreton camp in the summer.

From 1966 until 1978 the C.G.I.T. was inactive. In 1978 Mrs. A.C. (Dickie) Moorhouse reorganized a group within the Oakdale charge. Those who assisted Dickie over the 5 year period were Mary McKinlay, Linda Havens and Verna Rich.

Girls aged 12 to 17 met on alternate Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 at Shetland Hall which resounded with chatter, singing, laughing, giggles, quiet games, thundering games, quiet prayers, discussions, Bible readings, table fellowships and craft sessions. Other activities included preparing a World Day of Prayer service, sharing in a Leader-ship workshop, going roller skating in Sarnia, preparing for a Pops Tea party and home sale making. Christmas crafts, sharing in a Christmas party and special Christmas story time and discussions on the motto: Cherish health, seek truth, know God, serve others. In 1982 seventy-five dollars was donated to the World Development Service and Relief

In 1983 a successful Christmas bazaar, luncheon and raffle was held at Shetland Hall. The $556.00 proceeds was used to support the Oakdale charge C.G.I.T. movement and other charities. Left to right: Mrs. Evelyn Douglas of Alvinston chases a Christmas corsage from the display. Sandra Cross of R.R. 2, Bothwell, Leader Nanette Barnes of Shetland and Mandy Rich of R.R. 2 Florence represent the C.G.I.T.

Fund In 1983 one hundred twenty-five dollars was sent to World Development and Service Fund and twenty five dollars to the Sarnia-Lambton County C G I T workboard Other activities included a swimming party in Wallaceburg and Pizza party at Scotland The Pops a Pie Party was a great success netting $247 00 Mission study was on South Pacific shores Fiji and Papua New Guinea. At the Mother and Daughter banquet, gifts and thanks were given to Verna Rich and Linda Havens as assistant and a special gift to Mrs A C Moorhouse in recognition of five years of dedicated leadership in the C G I T In 1984 Linda Havens and Nanette Barnes provided leadership for the girls Mission Study was on Korea. Activities included a toboggan party swimming and a very successful Christmas bazaar and luncheon Five hundred fifty dollars in proceeds were realized with $50 00 given to the Oakdale Youth Worker Camp and $100 00 to the World Development and Service Fund There are 13 members in 1984-85

TYROS

This was another boys group led by Lyle Knight of Edy s Mills The boys aged 7 to 12 met at the Dawn Central School for a Christian Education Program This group was active in the 70 s

SIGMA C

This was a boys group for those aged 12-16 It was active in the 50 s

THE CHOIR

The first mention of a musical instrument was the donation of an organ in 1882 by the young people of the congregation Henry A Fenby (1855-1910) is recorded as being organist at one time in the new brick church

In 1899 Miss Baines took the position of organist until Ethel Moorhouse returned from her musical studies Don Ward was choir leader

From the annual meeting minutes 1916 it was approved that $3 00 be given to the choir to buy music In 1916 it was decided that the front platform in the church be rebuilt as desired by the choir So as a result the platform was lowered Bertha Dobbyn was another organist. Mrs Muriel (Thos H) Moorhouse spent many years teaching music in the community was pianist at the church, and accompanist when the school children went to music festivals Each spring she held a music recital and the hall was packed with an appreciative audience Proceeds from the recital were given to the library board

Mrs Muriel (Thos H) Moorhouse

Mrs Grace (Harold) Dobbyn

SINGING GROUP ON FLORENCE CIRCUIT — Early 1900's (Shetland Fansher Florence) — Seated front, left to right Ernest Hanson Levi Padgley Henry Jerome Philip Fansher William Fordham Back row left to right Burton Fansher William Davis William Cross Roland Moorhouse A.D McGugan. Edwin Moorhouse

PRESENT CHOIR — Back row left to right Scott Elliott Gordon Fansher William Gray. Robert Gray Burt Powers Amanda Kuck. Alex Gray (director) Centre row left to right Nancy Rich Jenice Elliott Mary Jene Lambrecht Margaret Ann Wright Janet Elliott. Martyn Powers. Catherine Osborne (assistant director) Front row left to right Jim Rich Barry Elliott Doug Powers Marie Gray Valerie Playfoot Stacey Gray Deanna Prangley (pianist) Absent. Wendy Fansher Elizabeth Elliott Greg Ratcliffe, Chris Ratcliffe Lisa Clifford. Ron Cowell and Keith Elliott.

Mrs Grace (Harrold) Dobbyn devoted 37 years to the church as pianist and choir director When the Dobbyns retired and moved to Florence Geraldine McFadden was pianist for a while Others who helped out were Mrs Jean (Norman) Elliott Mrs Catherine (Robert) Osborne and Mrs Mary (Victor) Ross

Those who sang solos or in mixed groups included Delbert Snowden Mrs and Mr Edwin Moorhouse Mrs Alfred May Mrs Frances (Judson) Moorhouse Gordon and Mary Smith and Eunice Dobbyn Over the past 20 years many choir members have capably sung special parts on special occasions

In 1974 Deanna Elliott became pianist with Alex Gray as choir director In 1978 Catherine (Elliott) Osborne became assistant director In 1985 Deanna is still pianist but she is now Mrs Wm Prangley

With much enthusiasm a new project was begun in November 1982 It was decided to have a Cantata Choir so 44 persons from Shetland, Oshkale Edy s Malic and Oil Springs congregations met twice a month to practise on Sunday evening The Cantata Come Together a musical experience in Love by Jimmy and Carol Owens was very successfully presented 5 times Deanna Prangley was pianist and Jill Hudson was director In 1984 an Easter Cantata In His Presence was performed 6 times with Joy Builder as pianist and Jill Hudson director This spring (1985) Deanna Prangley accompanied the group with Jill Hudson directing four performances of No Greater Love by J W Peterson

For the past 5 years the choir members have served breakfast to the Garage Motor Cycle Group who camp in the area one weekend in July In 1982 they had a profit of $800 00 In 1984 the choir donated $920 00 to the Church Building Fund

CANTATA CHOIR 1985 — Row 5 left to right Alex Gray Don Moorhouse, Carl May Rev Ewart Madden, Darrell Szuzs Ron Sharp, Carl Hudson Bill McGuire Row 4 left to right Dick Butler Lee Butler Lloyd Belan, Doug McGuire Al Olds, Robert Elliott, Allan Gray Rev Eric Hudson, Row 3 left to right Laura McGuire Melba McLennan Mary Louise Butler Grace Adams Annie Harris Karen Moorhouse Pat Belan Mary Lee Apps. Row 2 left to right Beatrice Madden Catherine Osborne Pat Zimmerman Margaret Dunlap Elaine Leeson Merrie Olds Gene Ann Dunlap, Peggy Melton, Front row left to right Joyce King Jane King Lynn Hudson Ann Dunlop, Dawn Hudson, Karen Harris Margaret Ann Wright Nancy Koch Wendy Fancher Along the wall Director Jill Hudson, Janet Elliott pianist Deanna Prangley

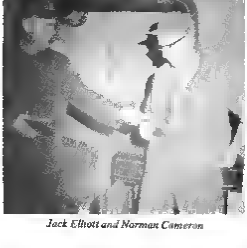
4 — Community Organizations

SHETLAND GUN CLUB

On January 17 1901 it was decided to form a Gun Club in Shetland The basement of the church hall was the meeting place for target practice and business meetings The first officers were President — Donald Thompson Vice-President — Earl Praughley Secretary — John Drage Treasurer — Tom Elliott Range Committee — Cliff Gawne Neil Brown Russ Elliott Jack Elliott George Elliott and Harold Graham

The age limit for members was 14 years or High School entrance The group joined the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and 30 membership cards were purchased at 50 cents each The township council was asked for money to help raise pheasants to be freed when grown and a $100 grant was received That first year 325 pheasants were released and the feed cost $89 50 Two hundred and fifty NO TRESPASSING signs were purchased to be resold and a turkey shoot was held at Shetland Park in December

In 1962 membership dues were $2 00 rising to $3 00 in 1968 $4 00 in 1970 $5 00 in 1972 and $8 00 in 1976 Each year $10.00 rent was paid for the



Jack Elliott and Norman Cameron

premises with $5 00 going to the hall board and $5 00 to the U C W

In 1963 456 pheasants were released and a turkey shoot was held in conjunction with the Oakdale Gun Club A partition was constructed in the basement for target practice in 1964 and an oil stove was set up for heating A ham shoot was held on March 17 1965 and Wild Game cookbooks were sold in 1966 A competition for a Club crest was held in 1966 Donald Craig from the St Clair Region Conservation Authority spoke to the group about their bird nesting program in 1975 At that time there were 14 members and officers were President — Dick Fennell, Vice-President — Hugh McCahon Treasurer Jack Elliott and secretary John Drage Somehow the 1976 season organization did not materialize and the Shetland Gun Club met its demise Now memories recall the socializing the practise marksmanship gun safety lessons and the competitions all part of a community activity

ROBIN HILL SNOWMOBILE CLUB

This club was formed in the winter of 1966-67 with Floyd Secord of R R 2 Thamesville as president Wayne Cadotte as vice-president and Blake Lunn as secretary-treasurer It started with 25 members and membership included the wife and children The group joined the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs which promoted safety and had the location of trails listed Meetings were held at Robin Hill farms and trail runs were either started from the Sharp farm or the members went in cars van to Exeter Grand Bend Port Albert and Rondeau Park These were family outings often concluding with a weiner roast in the woods In 1970-71 there were 44 members After an existence of 8 years the club disbanded in 1976

FARM FORUM AT SHETLAND

A weak and faltering farm forum was born in the fall of 1944 at Shetland. Mr Ed Hunter of the National Film Council presented a film to a large audience then he and Mr Orville Shagg of Brooke tried to organize 3 farm forum groups in the area. Only one young man consented to act as secretary, so only the Shetland forum was begun. The other two centres had a want and see attitude. According to Mr Hunter the meetings should be held in the homes rather than a community centre for better attendance.

That December the meetings were held in the school with very small attendance and the interest was a fragile infant, indeed. 1945 was ushered in with snow and more snow. The roads became impassable for cars and the trail down the centre were in and out and up and down until only sleighs could be used. When it was time for the forum meeting the big question was "where and how?"

In response an enterprising housewife called the secretary and the group met at the home of Mr and Mrs Charles Elliott travelling by sleigh to get there. Problems were earnestly discussed and everyone enjoyed lunch and a social time together. The next meeting was held at Mr and Mrs Stafford Moorhouses with a good attendance. The sleigh ride was enjoyed by all, when they couldn't get out to near by town to the theatre or concerts.

Another meeting was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Roland Dobbyn. Folks arrived on foot or by sleigh as the snow continued. Meetings continued and the interest increased as folk listened to the radio broadcasts and discussed the topics presented. Meetings on Monday night during the winter months were a custom for years, and were held in the school and the hall disproving Mr Hunter's claim that farm forum would die if it wasn't nurtured in a warm home atmosphere.

The spirit of good fellowship was promoted as forums entertained each other and horizons broadened.

At the end of the season in 1951 a box social was held. Attractive boxes, a genial auctioneer, and a good program made the evening a pleasant, money-making event. In January 1952 Mrs Cecil Tinney was sent as a delegate to Manchester Folk School. Later the same year Mrs Bert Elliott was sent as a delegate to the provincial conference in Toronto. One of the members Mrs Delbert Brownlee was chairman of the County commissions for 2 years. In December 1952 Mrs Myers Elliott was delegate to the leadership school in Petrolia. That year the group ended the season with a theatre party and lunch. In 1951 a busload of members went to Guelph during Farmers Week. Another time a bus trip took folk to Greenfield Village and the Ford Museum.

A worthy project completed was the installation of coat racks in the community hall and many a time a helping hand was given to a member of the community in need. Not only did members know and understand each other better but they gained an appreciation of national and county farm organizations.

As in most areas change takes place and with the advent of television the farm forum folded at the end of the 1954-55 season.

FOLK SCHOOLS

Folk schools were sponsored by the Farm Forum organizations. They were for adults 18-80 years of age and were a form of continuing education. They provided fellowship co-operation and love in a rewarding experience that gave an individual participant a new insight into abundant living.

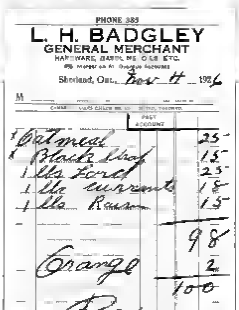
Folk school began in Lambton County in January 1951 and Shetland had the honour of hosting the first 7 day school at the home of Mr and Mrs Cecil Tinney sponsored by the Lambton Farm Forum Committee.

The Community and My Place in It was the theme. People came from all parts of the county on different days to glimpse a folk school in action and take part in the various activities of the day.

The forum members planned prepared and served for as many as 44 people at one meal and also billeted students in their homes. Changes in the county over the years brought about the discontinuation of folk schools following the 17th school, held at Petrolea's House Petrolia in 1966 with the theme Art of Living.

SHETLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Shortly after 1870, "The Grange" was carried on in Shetland. It originated as an American agrarian movement getting its name from the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, founded in 1867. Local units were called granges and its members grangers. Although established originally for social and educational purposes, they became political forums and channels of farmer protests against economic abuses of the day.



Next came the Farmers Institutes which were formed for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to agriculture and for the development of local talent. The Ontario Government sponsored the formation of this group in 1894. Early in 1896 Dr. Herman, Professor of Bacteriology at O.A.C. was berated by Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless for failing to do anything for farm women and children while great efforts were being made to disseminate information on the care and breeding of livestock. As a result, Mrs. Hoodless was invited to address a conference at Guelph, where she told a male audience they were more concerned about the health of their animals than the health of their children, and that they fed their pigs and cattle more scientifically than they fed their families. In 1897, Mrs. Hoodless spoke to a group of 101 women and one man, Erland Lee, who was secretary of the Farmers Institute in Westworth County. An association known as the "Women's Department of Domestic Economy in Affiliation with the Farmers' Institute of Westworth" was formed and Mrs. Hoodless became the Honorary President. Rules stated that "Each Women's Institute shall be affiliated with the Farmers' Institute in the district" and "Each Women's Institute shall receive a grant of $10 annually from the Department on condition that an equal sum be granted by the country council or municipality in which the Institute is organized or from the local Farmers' Institute."

The Farmers' Institute had a superintendent and a Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture (now the Department of Agriculture and Food) and this Institute women asked that their organization also have a place in this Branch. Mr. F.W. Hodson superintendent of Farmers' Institute in 1897 automatically became the first superintendent of Women's Institutes. He was succeeded by Dr. George Creelman until 1904. Then Mr. George Putnam directed the Institutes for the next 30 years. However, the Farmers' Institute passed out of existence in 1921.

Mrs. Andrew Adams
First President of
Shetland Women's
Institute

Miss Lettie Powell
(1875-1937)
1st Sec. Treas. of
Shetland W.I. also
1st Sec. of W.M.S.

In 1907, the Farmers' Institute of Shetland Community held a meeting in Shetland Hall. They had a government lecturer to address them and a tidy came along to meet with the ladies in the church across the road. The Shetland Women's Institute was organized with Mrs. Andrew Adams as president and Miss Lelia Powell as secretary-treasurer. Mrs Milton Moorhouse was one of the first members. The first meeting was held at the Adam's home and more members joined. Mrs Adams suggested that they have a motto, "If you know a good thing, pass it on." It was decided that the society be called "The Women's Mutual Aid and Improvement Society", that a speaker be engaged for the June meeting; and that afternoon and evening meetings be held. The second meeting was held at Mrs Sharp's home in the evening on April 24th. Mrs Sharp and Miss E. Dobbyn gave papers on "House-cleaning" and Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Powell gave papers on "Flowers and their care" and "Gardening".

INSTITUTE GRANDMOTHERS IN 1947 — Front row left to right Mrs Jim Dobbyn, Mrs Alex Dobbyn Mrs. Joseph Dobbyn Mrs Tom Playfoot Mrs Burt McAuslan, Mrs. Charles Stevens. Back row left to right Mrs Clayton Sharp Mrs. Jim Elliott, Mrs J. Smith Mrs. Robert Moorhouse Mrs Levi Badgley Mrs. A. May Mrs George George.

Through the years the Shetland Women's Institute has accomplished a great deal in the community. They provided the school children with cups and dishes for hot lunches, helped equip the hall with dishes for suppers and have made donations to such groups as Boy Scouts, Fair Board, Twilight Haven, Old People's Homes and the Central Schools and sponsored the 4-H Homemaking Club. Many a needy family has been helped in some way.

The Institute sponsors the girls 4-H Club — back left to right Carol Johnston, Cathy Ross, Mary Jane Elliott, Kathy Downie, Margaret Ann Grey, Wendy Fansher. Front left to right Lana Wright, Donna Macaulay, Mrs Joan (Alex) Grey, Mrs Joanne (Warren) Powers, Christine Elliott.

The ladies from Shetland are looking at the colourful sugar fruits which made up part of their display at Brigden in 1975. Left to right: Mrs. Luella (Robert) Hilton, Mrs. Alma (Neil) Brown, Mrs. Dorien (Glenn) Elliott, Mrs. Marion (Don ald) Elliott, Mrs. Dorothea (Ray) Moorhouse

Programme

SHETLAND BRANCH

—OF THE—

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

1925 | 1954

Institute Ode

A goodly thing it is to meet
In friendship's circle bright,
Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet
Nor dims the radiant light.
No cankerd word nor light shall pass,
But each shall seek the common good,
The good of all mankind

Meetings Third Wednesday of each month.

—JUNE 18—

EVENING—At Hall
GRANDMOTHERS MEETING
Conveners Mrs. Jel Brownlee
Mrs. E Bucknell
Roll Call An Outstanding Incident about my Grandmother
Travelogue Mrs. Bert Elliott
Report of Nat. Annual Mrs. H. Hilton
Lunch Mrs. C. Tinney Mrs. R. Hilton
Mrs. K. Elliott
Sale of Goods.

—JULY 20—

EVENING
Hostess—Mrs. Lois Hilton
Roll Call An Edible Weed
Theme Agriculture & Canadian Industries, Mrs. L. Rocker
Demonstration Girls Garden Club
Lunch Mrs Ira Wilson, Mrs. A. May

—SEPT 21—

EVENING
Hostess Mrs Leo Crow
Roll Call How could I be a better Citizen ?
Theme Citizenship & Education, Mrs F. Johnston
Demonstration Icing a Cake, Mrs R. Hilton
Lunch Mrs J. Moorhouse, Mrs H. Bobbyn
Sale of Goods.

—OCT 15—

EVENING— In Hall
Roll Call What would I do, when I do what I please ?
Entertain District Officers and other Institutes
Entertainment supplied by Visiting Institute
Lunch Social Committee.

—NOV 17—

AFTERNOON
Hostess Mrs. C Sharp
Roll Call A Famous Woman in the Bible
Theme Historical Research, Mrs. S. Moorhouse
Lunch Mrs I. Bobbyn Mrs. C Elliott

—DEC. 14—

AFTERNOON
Hostess Mrs E. Bucknell
Roll Call White Gifts for Children's Aid
Christmas Program Mrs. May
Lunch Mrs Playfoot, Mrs J Blake

—JAN. 15—

AFTERNOON
Hostess Mrs. Cowell
Roll Call The most neighborly thing that ever happened to me.
Theme Community Activities & Pub. Relations Mrs McGillivray
Current Events Mrs S. Moorhouse
Lunch Mrs C Tinney Mrs R. Bobbyn.

—FEB 15—

AFTERNOON
Hostess Mrs Russell Elliott
Roll Call A Valentine Verse
Valentine Programme Mrs C Elliott
Sale of Goods
Agnes Parade and Pattern.
Lunch Mrs M Elliott, Mrs C. Sharp

—MARCH 15—

AFTERNOON
Hostess Mrs. A. May
Roll Call Sing, Say or Pay
An Irish Story Mrs. Jas. Blake
A Paper on Watson's Legal Rights, Miss Eva Johnston
Lunch Mrs. F Johnston
Mrs. Bol. Brownlee.

—APRIL 19—

EVENING
Hostess Mrs. C Tinney
Roll Call Paying Fees
Election of Officers & Reports
Variety Programme
Lunch Mrs. R. Robinson,
Mrs. L. Rocker

—MAY 17—

EVENING
Hostess Mrs. Roland Bobbyn
Roll Call What my husband does that pleases me the most
Guest Speaker
Sale of Goods
Lunch Mrs. Dodge
Mrs P McGillivray

During war times the ladies did knitting sewing and send parcels to the men overseas Over the years they have taken advantage of self improvement courses offered in sewing millinery rug making cooking home decorating choosing of fabrics etc

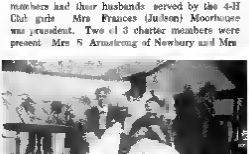
Collections have been made on an annual basis for Muscular Dystrophy and the Cancer Society

Each Christmas rather than exchange gifts amongst themselves each member brings a toy to be donated to the Cloverleaf Nursery School for Handicapped Children at Wardsville

Meetings have provided for demonstrations guest speakers films preparation for fair exhibits and prize winning floats and many interesting bus trips

In 1967 the Shetland Institute celebrated its 50th Anniversary as well as the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the Women s Institute at Stoney Creek Ontario by Adelaide Hunter Hoodless

In recognition of the event a pot luck supper was held for approximately 100 present had past members and their husbands served by the 4-H Club girls Mrs Frances (Judson) Moorhouse was president. Two of 3 charter members were present Mrs S Armstrong of Newbury and Mrs



PRIZE WINNING FLOAT at Florence Fair 1963 — Left to right Ronald Sharp Mrs. Marion (Duncan) Grey Mrs Lizzie (Alfred) May Mrs. Ren (Elmer) Ruckrell, Mrs. Marguerite (Jas.) Blake.

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 1967 — seated left to right Mrs. Muriel (Thos. H.) Moorhouse Mrs Marguerite (Jas.) Blake Standing left to right Mrs. Luella (Robert) Bilton, Mrs. Lenore (John) Cracknell Mrs Grace (Merrit) Smith

T Bilton of Florence Mrs Clifton Wilson of Bothwell was unable to attend Mrs Bilton recalled the terrific amount of work the Institute had done for the Red Cross in war time how they had sold tickets on a horse which had been donated and in so doing had raised $285 00 When the ticket was drawn by strange coincidence it belonged to the donor She remembered that the Institute had bought one of the first vacuum cleaners and rented it out to the members for 50c a day It took 2 people to operate it one to provide suction power by working a pumping pad while another operated the hose to gather in the dirt Mr Roland Bobbyn proposed a toast to the ladies and Miss Elva Johnston replied The guest speaker Mrs Flores MacDougall was introduced by Mrs Myers Elliott and thanked by Mrs Robert Bilton

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary more than 80 persons attended a dinner had family night at the Shetland Hall Guest speaker was Mrs Lenore (John) Cracknell R N who spoke on Children had Food Mrs Maxine (Thos) Elliott was in charge of the program Mrs T H Moorhouse and Mrs Jas Blakie put on a skit depicting olden days

m Shetland Vocal duets were sung by Patsy and Catherine Elliott The children a choir of Shetland and area sang centennial selections under the direction of Mrs. Harold Delahye President was Mrs Luella (Rahrer) Elliott Mrs Merritt Smith of Florence was president of Lambton South district at the time There was a membership of 31 in 1967

This year the Shetland Women's Institute has been in existence for 75 years and has a membership of 14 Mrs Alma (Neil) Brown is president Mrs Luella (Robert) Elliott is secretary-treasurer and Mrs Marion (John) Neville was installed as President of Lambton South district on May 25

SHETLAND INSTITUTE CELEBRATES 75th ANNIVERSARY 1962 — A dessert euchre and visiting Institute members marked the 75th Anniversary of the formation of Shetland Institute Approximately 40 persons attended in spite of the windy rainy weather on Wednesday afternoon October 29 at the Shetland Hall Mrs Evelyn Playfoot, secretary-treasurer of the Shetland organization made and decorated a beautiful tiered anniversary cake which was cut by President Mrs Luella Elliott (centre) Visiting dignitaries were left to right Mrs Eileen Parkins Groton, secretary treasurer for Lambton South Mrs Amy Sager Croton District President and a member of Rutherford W I Mrs Luella Elliott R R 2 Florence Mrs. Marion Nevills R R 1 Inwood Past President of Shetland W I and 2nd Vice-President for the district, Mrs. Sylvia Morwood R R 4 Alvinston, secretary of Aughrim W I and Provincial Board Director Subdivision 25

With improvement of the rural home in mind the motto For Home and Country was selected in 1906 and since then has been officially adopted

About 1915 Women's Institute reports were part of a Report of the Minister of Agriculture, then the Canadian Home Journal a magazine now discontinued gave publicity to the Women's Institute activities In 1924 the Ontario Department of Agriculture published a 4 page Women's Institute News Bulletin and in 1938 the bulletin was replaced with a 4 page paper called "Home and Country Now the size has increased considerably and it is still read world wide

Miss Mary Stewart wrote the Collect as a prayer for the day and called it a "Collect for Club Women" because she felt that women working together in an organization was something new and that perhaps they had need for special petition and meditation of their own It was published in 1904 and adopted throughout the world by English-speaking women

Keep us O Lord from pettiness let us be large in thought in word and deed

Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self seeking

May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face without self pity and without prejudice

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous

Let us take time for all things make us grow calm serene gentle

Teach us to put into action our better impulses straight forward and unafraid

Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that create differences that in the big things of life we are one

And may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all and O Lord God let us not forget to be kind

1985 INSTITUTE EXECUTIVE — Seated Mrs. Edna (Myers) Elliott and Mrs. Marguerite (Jas.) Blakie who are Tweedsmuir curators. Standing left to right Mrs. Evelyn (Wm.) Playfoot Family and Consumer Affairs convenor Mrs. Joyce (Edward) Sharp Agriculture and Canadian Industries convenor Mrs. Joanne (Warren) Fowers 4-H leader Absent Mrs. Betty (Jack) Elliott Education and Cultural Activities convenor Mrs. Jackie (Robert) Billcliffe Citizenship and World Affairs convener

AREA BIBLE STUDY GROUP — In May 1984 a luncheon was held at Shetland Hall with guests from the Oakdale and Edy's Mills groups. Approximately 40 attended. Guests included left to right Mrs. Marie Johnston of Rutherford Mrs. Jessie Dobbyn of Shetland, Mrs. Pat Belan of Oakdale and Mrs. Lenore Cracknell of Brentwood Acres Thamesville.

SHETLAND LITERARY SOCIETY

For three years from 1974-1976 the Shetland Literary Society hosted an annual poetry reading session at Shetland Conservation Area. The meetings were sponsored by the Canadian Authors Association Sarnia branch Watford Creative Writers group and the Shetland Literary Society. Lambton County poets and novelists read some of their recent poems. Familiar names connected with this event were Ruth Leitch Abraxton Hope Canseco and Norma Linder Sarnia John and Peggy (Fletcher) Drage R.R. 1 Inwood Ray Will Petrahn and local librarian Dorothea Moorhouse R.R. 2 Florence. Attendance averaged 25 persons and the evening concluded with a weiner roast.

AREA INTERDENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY GROUP

In January 1979 a Bible study and prayer group was formed. Usually 10-12 members meet, in a home on Wednesday morning at 9:30. The main study is Friendship Bible Coffees put out by Stonecroft Publishers. Many denominations have been represented over the past 6 years. Anglican Catholic United Dutch Reform Brethren and Pentecostal. Other area groups meet at Oakdale Edy's Mills Corn and Thamesville. Usually in May a luncheon is sponsored by one of the study groups and other groups are invited to enjoy the fellowship.

JUNIOR FARMERS

The first Junior Farmers meeting was held in 1948 organized by Don Cassie principal of the Florence Continuation School. John Fansher was President Wally Annett was Vice-President Starr Macaulay was 2nd Vice-President and Keith Elliott was Secretary Treasurer.

That first year four members represented the club in the Amateur Entertainment Competition at county zone and provincial levels and won the top honour. Participants were Fred and Lucy Ann Fansher who put on a skit and Eunice Dobbyn sang accompanied by Grace Jackson.

Also in 1948 the Junior Farmers sponsored the first Euphemia 4-H Calf Club which is still

Cast of prize winning play "Paul Wrecks the Car" at Junior Farmer Drama Festival - 1951. Front row left - right George Walker, Estella Pattullo, Doreen Muirhead, Lucy Ann Fancher, Eunice Dobbyn. Ross Tinney, back row left to right- Fred Fansher, Roy Dobbyn, Director was Mrs. Betty (Wallace) Annett

Judging competitions were also held between local clubs at the county level in Brigden and at the Royal Winter Fair. Familiar names in the winners circle in the fifties were Bob Bilton who after winning 4 consecutive years was allowed to keep the trophy, Bill Bilton who won the individual trophy for judging beef animals at the provincial level in 1964. Clare Elliott and Ted Sharp.

Another highlight for the Euphemia Township Junior Farmers was the selection of Fred Fansher to go on an Exchange trip to Britain as one of the 4 representatives from Ontario. He was selected by the county organization on the basis of 4-H and Junior Farmer participation.

Bill Bilton was also selected in 1959 for the U.N. tour to Washington and New York.

At least 3 Euphemia Township Junior Farmers ploughing competitions were held — one on the Drage farm, one on the Bilton farm and one on the Myers Elliott farm.

In 1961, Dawn and Euphemia Junior Farmer Groups joined. Meetings rotated from Rutherford to Oakdale to Shetland. This lasted until 1965, when the group disbanded. In 1977 South Lambton Junior Farmers was organized to include Euphemia. Dawn

Cast of prize winning play "High Windows" at Drama Festival in 1959. Left to right: Carol Monkhouse, Elizabeth Blake, Director; Mrs. Audrey (Alex) Bilton, Gwen Dobbyn, John Drage, missing is Dianne Bilton (she took the picture)

...native 36 years later and a curling club which was phased out over the years. Ted Sharp, Ross Tinney and Don Walker won first prize for the Junior Farmer Corn Club competition at the Royal Winter Fair. Other 4-H clubs organized in Euphemia since that time have been the Swine Club, Field Crop Club, Horse Club, Tractor Club and Farm Machinery Club. Lucy Ann Fancher also spent a week at Provincial Leadership camp at Lake Couchiching in 1949.

Sports competitions were great fun! Field Days were held in Petrolia and John Drage usually won the high jump or shot. In 1960, Lucy Ann Fancher was selected to take part in the National 4-H Club Congress held in Chicago. She was one of 20 delegates from Ontario and Lambton County's representatives.

In 1951, the group entered the first Drama Festival. The play, Paul Wrecks the Car, directed by Mrs. Betty (Wallace) Annett won first prize performing in Petrolia in what is now Victoria Playhouse. The last year, the Festival was held was 1959. That year Mrs. Audrey (Alex) Bilton directed the play. High Windows and the group finished in first place.

Roy Dobbyn and Fred Fansher represented Lambton County Junior Farmers on a debating team in 1958 and finished second at the provincial level. Another year 1959, Bill Bilton and Don McGugan won at the zone level.

and Sarnia. Meetings were held at Oakdale and by 1980 the membership was 130 with an average attendance of 80. This year (1985) the attendance averages 12 persons. Members collect for charitable organizations such as cancer and arthritis

Lambton County had a prize winning team when they put on a skit for the Junior Farmers in Guelph. They were then asked to perform for the CBC National Farm Show in 1956. Left to right Bill Hilton of Euphemia, Don Smith and Elton Stevens of Plympton, Roy Jewell and 2 staff members from C F P L, T V

Euphemia Township 4-H Award Night 1975. Left to right: Donald Elliott donated a jacket from the Pioneer Seed Corn Company. Gordon Funsher received the jacket for having the top corn exhibit at Florence Fair. Scott Elliott received the silver tray awarded by the Royal Bank, Newbury for the top field crop member. Charles Elliott was Field Crop Club leader and Sandy Bunkes was Assistant Agricultural Representative for Lambton

societies and support community improvement projects.

In the 50's they encouraged farmers to take advantage of soil testing facilities at Guelph and before 1967 assisted with the Century Farm sign project. In 1979 they started an Old Tyme Square Dancing club in Strathroy and in 1981 won the Provincial competition. The sports program has become widely diversified with broomball at Forest, baseball at Oil Springs, soccer in Blenheim and track and field in Petrolia.

Like most other organizations Junior Farmers has had its ups and downs nevertheless its the Junior Farmers of yesteryears who are the 4-H leaders today.

SHETLAND HALL

Early records mention John Drew's Hall. It seems the hall was a large two storey building located behind and slightly north of John Drew's house (now Rosecha 1985). The front faced east. The Free Methodist meetings were held there and the small children played around and listened to the indoor activities. In 1882 it is recorded that a polling place was fixed at Drew's Hall, Shetland.

Towards the end of the nineteenth century Thomas Risk solicited funds to build a hall as part of the N W quarter of Lot 25 concession 8. The land was purchased from Wm. Dobbyn for $25.00 on condition that it be used only for a Public Hall with no dancing allowed. The deed was dated August 15 1895. In 1901 an error was detected and the deed was revised for a fee of $1.00 to read the S W quarter. On May 4 1901 Thomas Risk sold the hall to Jacob M. Dobbyn for $400.00. On August 1 1902 Jacob Dobbyn sold the property to Court Loyalty Lodge #579 Canadian Order of Foresters for $175.00. On April 1 1923 the Foresters sold the hall to the Shetland Public Library Association for $100.00 which reserving the right to use the building for meetings 12 times a year and stipulating that it not be used for dancing or any other questionable purpose.

The library board spent the next year making repairs. A new foundation and basement was put in and an entry erected on the front. In 1936 Roland Dobbyn, Charlie Bolton and John Aulph installed hydro in both the church and the hall. During the

Shetland Hall 1985

depression years the upkeep proved to be too large a burden for the Library Board so it was put up for sale again John Henry Powell called the church board together and suggested that the church acquire it Where was the money to be found in such hard times? It seems that when the Wesley Methodist Church on lot 25 concession 6 Euphemia was closed and the property sold on July 17 1915 for $125 00 the proceeds of the sale were divided between the Armstrong and Shetland congregations of the Methodist Church According to Stanley S Moorhouse the money from the sale of Wesley Church was used to purchase the hall property on September 13 1934 from the Library Association for the sum of $100 00 with the building reserved twice yearly for library meetings It was necessary at that time to put on a new roof build a new chimney paint the building and repair the interior plaster

Minstrel shows plays and socials helped raise money for needed repairs

This is a portion of a post card written by Del Brownlee to Carrie Wilson on February 26 1912 with reference to the Shetland Minstrel Group The Shetland coons gave their show in Newbury last Saturday evening We took in $56 00 and we get half Douglas Dobbyn and I put our drivers together and took part of the coons to Newbury Harry Moorhouse and Joe Doherty went together and came up behind us hollering and went past yelling and frightened our horse I was afraid they were going to get away for they ran for a long ways

Chicken suppers following anniversary were held annually in the basement followed by a program in the hall Sparrow hunting matches with folk from one side of the river plated against those from the other side resulted in the losers providing an oyster supper The late Thomas Oliver Hilton a well remembered for his oyster cookery expertise In the early 60 s the hall was raised and a whole new foundation put in including a cement floor About this time the stationary wooden benches were removed allowing for variable use of floor space Stacking chairs and tables are now used

In 1966 a kitchen was built in part of the entry and a new gas furnace was installed suspended from the ceiling It proved to be extremely noisy when in use

Further renovations took place in 1970 when the stage was removed the kitchen was enlarged a new gas furnace installed and a room was built on the north side to accomodate a new entry coat racks and two washrooms. At this time new windows were put in the ceiling lowered and the building insulated

In 1982 the building was resided and in 1983 the floor was refinished

Following the installation of the furnace the hall was used to supplement the church for Sunday School classes It is used extensively for banquets church suppers U C W meetings church services when the church is under renovation Institute meetings community showers C.G.I.T. agricultural meetings the annual Christmas concert family gatherings and 4-H activities to names a few

The hall is still used today as a Polling Division for elections both municipal and governmental The basement is used only for storage now

5 — Businesses

The Shetland Mercantile Store in 1985 owned by Alex Bolton since 1945.

STORE

The first store in Shetland was started in the early 1880 s When the brick church was built the old frame building was sold to Andrew Ward, who moved it to the corn formed by the concessions road and the river road and turned it into a general store Next Alfred J Peshu then Royal Badgley owned the store

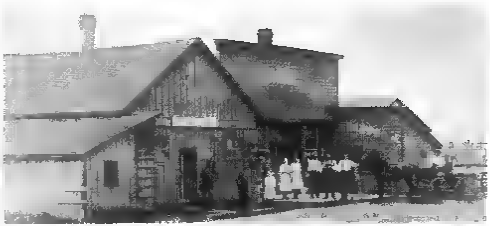
About 1895 it was bought by Thomas Rick The next owner was Mr Mann from Petrolia He sold the business to John Williams in 1902 Mr Williams owned his own team and used to bring in supplies from Newbury The post office was also in the store at this time

Interior of Shetland Post Office and Store 1902

About that time bread was selling 8 loaves for 25¢ in 1967 one loaf cost 25¢ in 1985 one loaf is often over $1 00 Mr Shaw from Marine City bought the store from John Williams and sold it to Wm A Edwards in 1911 He and his wife Lillie (Smith) operated the store and post office as well as the local office of the Inwood and Bothwell Telephone exchange They lived in the attached living quarters and raised the first members of their family there When fire destroyed the building on May 24 1915 they moved to the tenth concession of Euphemia

Then Levi Badgley bought his brother Alonzo Badgley s blacksmith shop and planing mill located across the street Levi did horse shoeing there and made fruit runs for wagon wheels etc Directly behind the blacksmith shop was a woodworking building Here wooden pumps wagon tongues neck yokes etc were made Running a cider press was another enterprise of the Badgleys The press was turned down by hand no easy task and a gasoline engine was used to run the cider mill Some days wagon loads of apples would be lined up back to the church waiting to be processed

In a two storey building near the blacksmith shop Levi had a garage gas pumps and a showroom where he sold Maxwell cars Upstairs he had a barber shop This building was converted into a store after the store across the street burned He also kept bee hives on the property and harvested honey



STORE AND POST OFFICE owned by John Williams from 1902 1909 — Left to right Alonzo Rudgley Levi Rudgley Kate Rudgley Verda Rudgley Royal Rudgley (grandfather) Rilla Williams Verna Williams unknown unknown John A Williams owner

In 1926 Levi sold this store to George and Agnes Felton When the store was sold Levi reserved the woodworking building here it down and moved the machinery to his place (W½ lot 26 Con 3) up the hill overlooking the river where he made window sash wooden pumps did other carpenter work and ran his cider press

In 1933 the store burned and for a time Mr Felton used part of his home for a grocery until the store was rebuilt on the same site

In the 20's George Felton also barbered in his home in the evenings for 25¢ per hair cut

In the early 1900's eggs and butter were taken to the store and coupons were received which could be used to buy groceries etc The storekeeper would grade the eggs Later trucks from the

Mr and Mrs John Williams Verna (Mrs Cecil Graham) Rilla (Mrs Calvin Annett)

Mrs Wm A Edwards (Lillie) This picture was taken on her 95th birthday in 1983

The old store in 1927. This building burned in 1933.

PHONE 268

L. H. BADGLEY

GENERAL MERCHANT

HARDWARE, GASOLINE, OILS, ETC.

We Deliver to All Points Reaching

Sherland Ont. Nov 6 1926

M. ____

		PAID ACCOUNT
X	Lemons	10
X	Bread	10
X	Cheese	35
1	gal Oil	29
	Lantern globe	15
X	Coffee	33
X	corn flakes	25
	candy	10
		1 7 0

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Levi Badgley and his cider press

THE NEW STORE built in 1933 by Fennells and owned by George Bolton. Photo taken about 1939. In 1945, an electric gas pump was installed and a 3000 gallon under ground storage tank put in.

STORE TODAY 1985 — Grocery Aisle Hardware Department. Norma Wright an employee for the past 10 years.

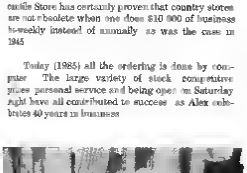
creameries would call at the farm to pick up eggs and cream on a regular basis and also sell the farmer processed butter

In 1945 after George Bolton's death his son Alex bought the store Alex enlarged the store and made it self-serve A stove in the back was a drawing card on wintry Saturday evenings for the local men to have a visit and gossip a bit

In 1975 Alex made extensive renovations Fluorescent lighting was installed 2 check outs were refined for faster service the coolers were painted with germicidal paint to insure sanitation and the floor space was increased The original size of the store was 966 square feet with 345 square feet of storage while the renovated store had 4030 square feet of floor space with 1800 square feet of storage

Present owner Alex Bolton said Thirty five years ago I was told the country store business was a dying trend Although I have seen some drastic changes over the years I do not feel that the country store has become obsolete The Shetland Merchandise Store has certainly proven that country stores are not obsolete when one does $10 000 of business bi-weekly instead of annually as was the case in 1945

Today (1985) all the ordering is done by computer The large variety of stock competitive prices personal service and being open on Saturday night have all contributed to success as Alex celebrates 40 years in business



Ted Drage Wayne Elliott, Garnet Prangley and Harold Bobbyn chat in the store in 1959

THE ICE HOUSE

The frame school located south of the present hall after being used as a cheese factory by Alfred Moorhouse and stable by Richard Laird until about 1912-13 was moved onto the back of the property of the present store Levi Badgley owned the store and sold ice from the back of the frame building known as the "Ice House" When George Bolton purchased the store in 1926 he continued to sell ice until hydro came to the hamlet in December 1951 During Mr Bolton's ownership he re-shelled the building and built a garage in the front part. In 1965 the property changed ownership The Earl Prangley family moved in and Elliott Bros proceeded to move the 24 by 32 foot building to a location across from the mill west of the river road However a wind storm came up before the building was secured and it was flattened culminating its use for anything but firewood

THE BLACKSMITH SHOP

Mr Mewburn (pioneer of Dawn) first built a house and blacksmith shop along the townline of Dawn and Euphemia just behind lot 25 concession 1 on the Mewburn farm This was the first home and shop of John Drew Later he started out for himself in Shetland building a blacksmith shop on the W or George Mr Drew had bought 1 4/5 acres in N E part of lot 24 from John Bobbyn in 1862 He also owned the north 50 of the Tinney farm and 100 acres the south part of the Wilcox farm While he operated his shop many young men learned the blacksmith trade from him Joseph Dykeman Marshall Healy Alonzo Badgley]

Next Alonzo Badgley had a blacksmith shop where the present store now stands Wm Siddall and Joseph Dykeman both helped Alonzo in the shop When the store on the west side of the street burned in 1918 Levi Badgley bought the blacksmith shop from his brother and used it for horse-shoeing and making wagon wheel rims

The next blacksmith shop was on the property owned by T H Moorhouse beside the mill (the cement block building housing the mill office today 1985) Wm Siddall was the first blacksmith tenant Later a blacksmith shop was operated by Alasthar (Bys) Dykeman and an auto repair shop

in the bank was operated by Wm. Dobbyn until about 1938

Some of the residents recall the sign "FREE AIR" posted on the front of the building and the first public urinal located in the N E corner of the shop just inside the door It was fabricated from half a rear axle housing from a Model T Ford The shop also had a hand forge

The Cook Bros were the next blacksmiths to work out of the shop on the Moorhouse property They moved a house into the property belonging to Cliff Wilson lt the tip of the gore formed by the river road and second concession about 1940 Wm and Jack Cook also did auto repairs and J E Drage did the horse-shoeing In 1945 Jas Coulter moved into the white house in the gore and rented the blacksmith shop on the Moorhouse property

In 1951 Gord Coulter bought the property in the gore He lived in the white house and purchased the rest of the church shed He moved it to the gore property and made it into a blacksmith and machine repair shop The Coulters moved to Windsor in 1953 The white house was sold and moved to Dresden At that time Jack Johnson and his wife bought the garage and shop and operated it for 5 years

Alex Bolton purchased the property in 1958 and used the old shop for storage for awhile About 1961 62 he tore the shop down and built a fenced enclosure for a propane depot with Central Pipeline as supplier This company has now been bought by Superior In 1967 Alex moved in a 25 foot by 60 foot building from the Ray Moorhouse farm and uses it for storage at present.

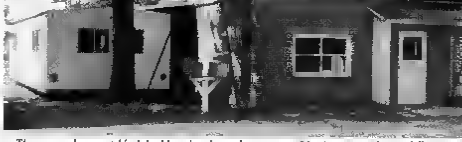
J E Drage set up a forge on his farm about 1940 and did horse-shoeing and repair work there Then in 1968 Mike Becker built a welding repair shop on the mill property west of the river road He worked there until 1972 when he retired to Chatham Today many farmers rwx then own electric welders and the blacksmith shop era is recreated in pioneer villages and museums

MILL OFFICE

This mill office building has served in many capacities over the last 70 years Built in 1915 by Thomas H Moorhouse it had a salesroom and service shop for Chalmers automobiles Then it became a blacksmith shop when Wm Seidell from Woodgreen rented it. Next Rye Dykeman black-smithed there and Wm Dobbyn repaired autos in the back of the building till about 1938 Then the Cook Bros used it as an auto repair and blacksmith shop and so did James Coulter

After this Mrs T H Moorhouse cleaned the building out and used part of it for a mouse stock while her husband used the rest of the area for a garage In 1949 Elliott Bros purchased the house garage and land from Mrs T H Moorhouse

Lloyd Elliot was hired to renovate the interior of the garage and in 1971 it became the mill office In 1973 washrooms were added and in 1980 a mobile unit was connected for extra office space



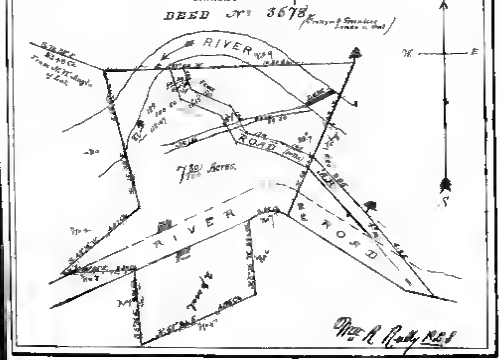
This original cement block building has housed a variety of businesses and is in full use today

THE MILL

John Dobbyn, a brother of James Richard, Thomas and William, had a saw mill and a grist mill named Eupherman Mills. Grist and Saw which were built just below the village on lot 24 concession 2. The position of part of the raceway and road is still visible today.

Through the efforts of Thomas Risk the storekeeper a stock company was formed and the farmers undertook to build a large frame mill in the village. In 1866 "The Shetland Flour and Grist Mill" was built by the Auld Bros. Alex Auld and his family lived in the house between the mill and the brick school which had been built in 1878. When first built, the mill was equipped with a pair of balanced and dressed stones for grinding. The stones were made by a mill dresser, who grooved them for proper grinding. The original mill stones were at the foot of the steps of the village mill for years, when they were finally removed by Elliott Bros. in 1984 and stored for preservation.

Soft coal and wood were used to feed the steam engine and Stanley Hart was the engineer. Water for the steam engine was pumped from the Auld well by cable. The yard was stacked with cord wood and coal was brought by team and wagon from Inwood and Bothwell. Miller Dobbyn installed the flour making machinery and held a mortgage on



Picture of original mill taken about 1904

it In 1901 he got the mill because of financial problems and ran it until 1907

Western wheat was shipped to North Bothwell and drawn by horse teams on wagons or sleighs The soft winter wheat and western spring wheat were blended for various grades of flour In 1905 a plate grinder was put in making it a 50 barrel flour mill Flour was put out in 25 or 50 pound paper sacks and later in 98 pound cotton sacks From 1908 to 1919 Thomas Moorhouse operated the mill with Christ Wilson Clifton Wilson Oliver George and Wm Bolton Jr working there During this period natural gas was available so it was used for auxiliary steam power Alfred May was a customer hauling flour to Bothwell Newbury Thamesville and Kent Bridge Sam Elliott Duncan McGillivray Stafford Moorhouse and other local residents also worked in the same capacity

During the first World War the mill was so busy they operated a day and night shift on a 24 hour basis Mr Moorhouse started working with

Note the old mill stones under the step in 1961 they were removed in 1984

Inwood Co-operative Company in 1921. He retired as manager in 1951 at age 73, after 30 years service.

In 1919 George Bolton and Alex (Sandy) Brown took over the mill operation. In 1921 George Palmer bought out Sandy Brown and the two "George s" ran it until 1926, when for $3000 George Palmer became sole owner. Ernie Rush, Charlie Bolton and Harold Brown worked for George and later Ira Brownlee. George's wife Mary helped her husband at the mill, when she was needed. Flour processing was discontinued in 1942. In 1928 a Fairbanks Morse diesel engine was installed. From 1955 on a Ruston Hornsby diesel was in use until 1965.

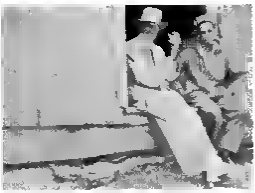
Following the war, Tom and Russell Elliott purchased the mill (building, property and machinery) for $8,000 from George Palmer and began business in September 1945.

The next year a delivery truck was purchased and one employee Gerald Mawhinney was hired.

The first major expansion was a frame warehouse attached to the feed mill, built in 1957 at a cost of $5000.00.

A large warehouse for seed and bagged fertilizer was constructed in 1961, and a bulk fertilizer warehouse was erected in 1963, on a three acre piece of property on the west side of the river road. This included a blending operation. A time saving convenience for farmers is having bulk fertilizer

Interior of Flour Mill



George Palmer (left) and Ira Brownlee (right) are waiting for another load of grist.

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Satisfied Customers,
who have given us their patronage.

Blended Flours a Specialty

High Grade Work and Increased facilities have given us a much larger
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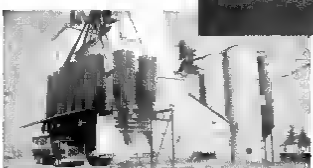
T H MOORHOUSE
PROPRIETOR

Bulk fertilizer warehouse
1963

Elliott Bros. feed truck
1965



Silos on right built in 1966 and 1972. Note the original building.

A feed tower was added to the original mill in 1980-81

The front end loader is used to fill the terragator with bulk fertilizer

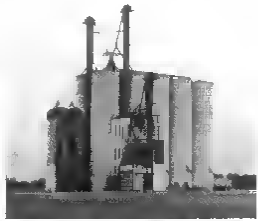
The fertilizer blending unit built in 1963 plus fertilizer warehouse and shop in background.

delivered directly to the field. Elliott Bros. holds the C I L. Agromart fertilizer franchise. Also in 1963 they started buying and shipping wheat and soybeans. An extra phase was added to the hydro line to the village in 1965 and the mill operation switched from diesel power to electrical power. 1966 saw four silos constructed for grain storage including drying and cleaning facilities for receiving and shipping of local grains corn, wheat and soya beans and in 1972 four additional silos were added.

Staff in 1966 included Mrs. Nes Recker book keeper, Ronald Rich driver and delivery man, Harold Brown feed mill operator, Owen DeByun dryer elevator operator, Wm. Maynard driver and deliveryman. Charlie McFadden, Morley McGuire, Glen White, Alex Campbell and Clarence McWilliams were some of other employees over the years.

By then they were handling a complete line of livestock feed as well as supplements for swine, beef and poultry in mash or pellet form under a Shur Gain (Canada Packers Ltd.) franchise. In 1977 they began manufacturing all types of feed under their own label 'Grow-well' providing custom formulated rations and numerous animal health products.

The bulk fertilizer capacity was increased in 1976 along with a new 70 ton platform scale to accommodate larger trucks and wagons. A new massive complex was built on a 2½ acre site south of Shetland on County Road #8 in 1976. The $700 000 project consisted of ten 24 x 100 foot silos with a capacity of 350 000 bushels. This gave the company an over all storage capacity of 500 000 bushels. A natural gas dryer could handle 1500 bushels per



Dryer and Storage Complex on County Road 8 south of the village

hours while unloading facilities could handle 5000-10 000 bushels per hour. An added facility at the new site was a 50 ton hoist, measuring 60 feet in length with a 45 degree elevator to accommodate all types of flat trailers and trucks. In 1972 the metric system was introduced so confusion still reigns today with the older generation trying to use hectares, kilograms and tonnes.

A feed tower was added to the original mill in 1980-81. Also a second dryer was added to the large complex south of Shetland.

In 1973 Russell's son Robert graduated from Guelph and joined the family business. He is in charge of the yard management. In 1980 Travis' son Alex, a chartered accountant joined the company as corporate controller. In 1981 Charles A. Elliott joined the sales staff following graduation from the University of Guelph.

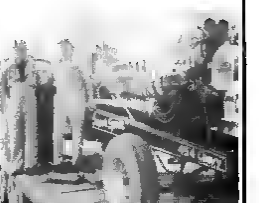
Anhydrous Ammonia bulk storage was added in 1982 along with a Terragator used for spreading fertilizer and lime without compacting the soil. Lean equipment includes 20 ammonia wagons and 10 fertilizer spreaders.

In 1983 an overhead fertilizer blending unit was added to the fertilizer complex. This blending is done with the use of baffles.

Over the past 20 years office staff has included Nan Kocker, Mary Marchand and Mary Jane Strydonck. Present office staff includes Deanna (Elliott) Praagley, Mary Campbell and Irene Twestmc. Mill employees include Larry Prabbe, John Lucas, Roy Riedel and Guenther Puehler. Elevator and maintenance workers include Don Lunn, Allan Strydonck, Dan Wright, Graham Deans, Dave Gehl and Wayne Haverstock. Brad Smith, Scott Elliott and Dan Lucan drive the 2 tandem blower delivery trucks, while Lorne Mills and Lloyd Smith drive the 2 tractor trailer units, the auger truck and 2 auger fertilizer trucks.

This year construction has started on a large 265 000 bushel storage unit situated north and attached to the complex on County Road 9 south of Shetland.

As of June 1988 one of the original mill stones is being mounted on a concrete base and placed in front of the library.



Ken Cowell and Warren Powers with the Super Spook pulling tractor

TWIN CREEK FARMS

Twin Creek Farms got its name from the two creeks one on each side of the laneway that empty into the Sydenham River.

The farm was purchased in 1909 by Jennie and Warren Powers from Betty Dobbyn following the accidental death of her husband, Ivey.

There were about 80 acres of rough pasture land, covered with thorn trees and poorly fenced.

As Warren and Bill Douglas (Warren's brother-in-law) were riding around the hills and gullies on a home-made dune buggy one day, it became apparent that this land might be used for recreational purposes, especially with the natural amphitheatre in the southwest corner.

In July 1971 Warren held the first organized dune buggy race. In 1972 monthly dune buggy and 4 x 4 races were started and in 1973 the first annual 4 wheel drive meet was held and continued until 1980.

Meanwhile in 1972 Bill and Warren bought an old Oliver 88 tractor from Ted Sharp in Shetland with plans to build a pulling tractor. Besides being

brothers-in-law Bill and Warren were classmates at high school and naturally bragged about how good their farm tractors were So the first Florence Fair tractor pull in 1963 found Bill and Warren competing with each other They competed separately until 1972 when they amalgamated their resources and became the Spook Pulling Team They have become the most successful pulling team in Canada with the most powerful modified tractor in the country three alcohol fuelled Chevrolet engines totaling over 3600 H P

The Off Road Racing of dune buggies and 4 wheel drives proved to be unprofitable for the amount of work involved so the Spook Pulling Team started competing on the Canadian Tractor Pulling Circuit In 1973

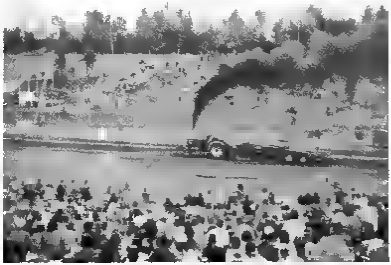
When a September 1974 booking was dropped by Ridgetown Warren picked it up and the first Twin Creek Tractor Pull was held on a Sunday afternoon with 1400 people attending

Twin Creek Farm Service was formed in 1974 a partnership between Warren and the late Ken Cowell This was a custom farming operation The old flood lights were purchased from the Florence Ball Park and erected on the farm and in September 1976 Twin Creek Farm Service sponsored a 2 day pull on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon

This continued until 1978 when the partnership dissolved and Warren bought the Inwood Garage It became Twin Creek Recreation and sponsored the pulling matches until 1981

Crowds have steadily increased through 1983 with 16 000 attending and the only reason there is its inception was Sunday afternoon 1984. For the past 6 years the Twin Creek Grand National has been the largest tractor pull in Canada

Many factors have contributed to the success of Twin Creek events First is the excellent help received from those involved in the Shetland community and the cheerful, friendly personalities of the Shetland people have created an atmosphere that pullers from across North America are talking about The 1984 Twin Creek Grand National ranked 4th out of 89 events, when competitors voted Secondly the natural amphitheatre setting on the hillside allows for an uncrowded relaxed feeling Third is the excellent food served by St John s Anglican Church Anglican South Lambton Junior Farmers Knights of Columbus Bothwell and Thamesville Bothwell Burons hockey team and Oddfellows Lodge of Florence who provide liquid refreshments You certainly can't say that Shetland is a dot on the map that no one has heard of



Hillside viewing is enjoyed at Twin Creek truck and tractor pulls.

ROBIN HILL RECREATIONAL VEHICLE BUSINESS

The Recreational Vehicle sales and service business was started in 1979 by Joyce and Ted Sharp. The large bank barn on the south side of the river road was torn down in 1978 and a drive shed was built in its place. One end of the building is used for a showroom and office. Only Canadian made new motorhomes and trailers are sold. Used units are also reconditioned for sale. They also have a licensed depot for the sale of propane gas.

CHICKEN HATCHERY

In the 50's a thriving business was the Moorhouse hatchery. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Moorhouse had been hatching chickens for a number of years. They installed electric incubators in the early thirties and operated several units. The business closed in the late fifties.

Poultry Business 1985

Two poultry barns are situated on the Edward Sharp farm. The first one, built in 1963 is 200 feet in length and holds approximately 20 000 started pullets in cages. The day old chicks are purchased from Caledonia and kept until they are 20 weeks old. At this time they are ready to lay, so they are sold and shipped all over Ontario. Two flocks each year are raised in this building.

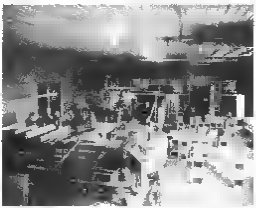
The second poultry barn, 230 feet in length, built in 1980 is a laying barn which will hold 10 000 hens. However in 1985, a quota system allows only 6 600 birds to be kept.

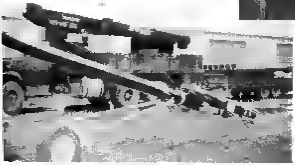
Part time help is hired to gather eggs. Egg belts are being installed now to bring the eggs to one end of the barn. The eggs are sold to Gray's in Ridgetown. These laying hens are usually kept for 13 months. The poultry barns and field crops are managed by Ted and Joyce's son, Ken.

STOR-MOR LIMITED AND LAMBTON CONVEYOR LIMITED

That grain dryer and storage bin business had its beginning in 1965 with Ray Moorhouse as owner manager operating out of an unused poultry house. Dryers and bins were sold and erected on area farms. In 1966 Alex Bolton joined Ray Moorhouse in a partnership. The Limited Company was formed shortly after that under the name Stor Mor. The partnership dissolved in 1970 and in 1971 Ray obtained the Ontario franchise for "Essex-Dry" bin dryers. A 190 x 50 foot building was erected on the premises lot 23 concession 1. In 1977 to accommodate offices, parts and a fabricating shop. Lambton Conveyor Limited was formed in 1979 for the fabrication and sale of elevator legs and augers. In 1982, a 100 x 80 storage shed was erected. Staff includes 2 bookkeepers, 6 full time employees and up to 20 seasonal employees.

With sales close to 2 million on a good year, this enterprise has been an asset to Shetland and the community.





Above picture shows the interior of the fabricating building.

Left picture shows the grain elevator and crane truck used for erecting elevator legs.

6 — Services

SHETLAND LIBRARY

The idea of a library for the Shetland community originated before the end of the nineteenth century. The Sunday school of the Methodist Church had a small library of good books that were well read by young and old. At the turn of the century the Department of Education loaned a travelling library for three month periods.

On April 16 1909 a declaration for the establishment of a public library was registered in the Registry Office, Sarnia, pursuant to the Libraries Act for a library at Shetland.

The first board was composed of seven: Mr J M Dobbyn President; Miss Edith Dobbyn, Secretary; Miss Ethel Peake, Treasurer; Mrs Robert Moorhouse; Mrs Alex Dobbyn; Mrs L H Badgley and Mr A D Adams. Eighty-one books were purchased the first year for $50.12.

With no building to house books, the board members decided to rent a room until they could afford to erect a building. In its first year a room was rented in the home of Richard Laird and Mrs Laird acted as librarian all for the sum of $15.00 per year. The next year the board was increased to nine with the addition of Mr. Frank Sharp and Mr. W A Shaw as members.

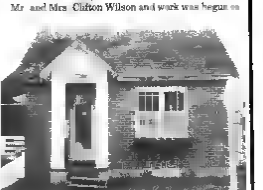
In 1912 the library was moved to a small room in the Shetland Store building. W A Edwards was appointed librarian and in 1913 became the Board President. In 1915 the library was moved to the home of Mrs. Alfred May with Jennie May as librarian. New books were added each year and the library now had many volumes on its shelves. In 1917, owing to the death of Mrs. May, the library was moved to the home of Mr. T. Playfoot with Mrs. Playfoot as librarian. Mr. Frank Johnston was appointed secretary after the resignation of Miss Edith Dobbyn, who had done so much to get the library started and acted as secretary since its beginning.

Mr. J H. Powell acted as President for 1918 and 1919 and Mrs. Alex Dobbyn was President in 1920. Circulation and number of books available was steadily growing.

In 1921 the library moved again, this time to the home of Mr. Alex Dobbyn with Mrs. Dobbyn as librarian and Mr. Clayton Sharp as president.

The Shetland Hall, badly in need of repair, was purchased by the library board in 1922. Volunteer help and financial donations made it possible to put in a foundation and basement, and a front entry. Mr. Donald Brown was president from 1925-1938. Mr. Duncan McGillvray was elected president in 1938 and held office until 1943. During the depression years of the early thirties the Hall proved to be quite a burden. Paint, a new roof, chimney and replacing plaster were some of the repairs carried out. In 1934 the Hall was sold to the United Church. In 1933 Shetland joined the County Library Association and enjoyed an exchange of books every 3 months.

The failing health of Mrs. Alex Dobbyn who had been such an energetic librarian and her death brought the library near a standstill as interest seemed to wane. In 1944 Mr. Roland Dobbyn was elected President and in 1946 a new building was considered. Early in 1947 a lot was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Wilson and work was begun on



ORIGINAL — The original single storey, red brick building 16 x 25 was constructed in 1947 and officially opened in 1948. Funds were raised by a canvass of the community, a Provincial and township grant and $800 in borrowed funds for a total cost close to $2500.00.

the Shetland Memorial Library in memory of pioneers of the area and soldiers of two world wars Grants received from the Ontario Public Libraries Branch and Euphemia Township Council s generous response to a community canvas and much volunteer labour enabled the building to be completed before winter The official opening was held on December 3 1948 with a banquet catered to by the Women s Institute J F Nethercott of London was guest speaker and Rev Ansel Moorhouse Sr and a representative of council spoke Mrs Frank Johnsen was librarian from 1948-1961

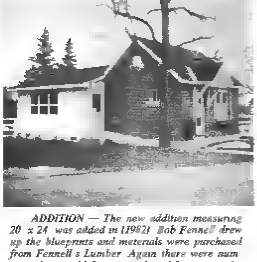
A special anniversary tea was held on December 2 1969 Mrs Myers Elliott was elected president in 1958 and the indebtedness on the building was paid off in 1961 In 1962 Mrs Carl Tansley was president and increased interest by holding monthly board meetings

By 1961 when Mrs Johnson was unable to continue as librarian the board members took turns looking after the library until the appointment of Mary Jean Prangley in 1963 Rev J D Woollatt was chairman of the board at that time In 1966 word was received that all Association Libraries would receive no further grants Rev Woollatt was appointed to take the matter to Eephemia Township Council requesting that they take over Shetland Library as a Municipal project and apply for membership in the County Library Association

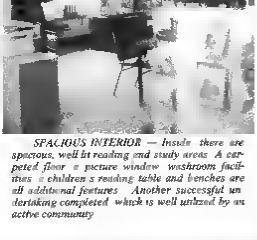
In 1967 under the new system, books from the library were available to everyone in the township free of charge Natural gas was installed and the Library Association accepted all bills for hydro, gas librarian wages and cost of new books

In 1967 Lottie Meier became librarian in March as Mary Jean found her high school work load increasing Mrs Marguerite Blakie was appointed librarian in 1968 and Mrs Dorothea Moorhouse was appointed as assistant in 1969 By 1970 the removal of a partition made the room larger, additional shelves and a cupboard were put in Mrs Moorhouse became librarian when Mrs Blakie retired in 1972 and Mrs Ruth Dobbyn became assistant.

On December 20 1972 a Dusk to Dawn light was installed by Ontario Hydro on the pole beside the library That project was sponsored and is still maintained by the Committee of the Moorhouse



ADDITION — The new addition measuring 20 x 24 was added in 1982) Bob Fennell drew up the blueprints and materials were purchased from Fennell s Lumber Again there were numerous hours of labour contributed by community volunteers. The Euphemia council budgeted the cost for 2 years and a Wintario Grant was applied for and received. The total cost of this addition was close to $25 000 00



SPACIOUS INTERIOR — Inside there are spacious, well lit reading and study areas A carpeted floor a picture window washroom facilities a children s reading table and benches are all additional features Another successful undertaking completed which is well utilized by an active community

book fund

In July 1982 Mrs Dobbyn retired and Mrs Barbara Beckett was appointed as assistant to Dorothea Moorhouse

Circulation of books has increased dramatically over the past decades from 2 842 in 1970 to 10 637 in 1980 In 1984 13,307 books were borrowed from the tiny Memorial Library

Over the past 15 years there have been many exhibitions displays set up for public viewing These included oil paintings water colours crafts antiques cake decorating samples and collections to name a few

Locally there have been art writing and reading contests for the young patrons Mrs Dorothy as the present librarian is labelled has many requests for books needed for school projects and references from both elementary and secondary students

During the summer of 1984 these young people participated in a reading contest Each winner received a book as a prize Family members participated too because if a child was too little to read the book had to be read to them

Back left to right Henry Lanting (13 and over 65 books) Derek Lanting over all winner (10-12 years 153 books) John Lanting (13 and over 66 books) Susann Elliott (10 12 years 66 books) Centre left to right Geraldine Lanting (7-9 years 47 books) Jenice Elliott (13 and over 67 books) Jill Osborne (7-9 years 49 books) Front Amy Lussaline (6 years and under 28 books) Absent Christine Esch (13 and over 59 books)

Mrs Robert (Jackie) Ritchiffe who for the past 11 years has resided on Lot 29 concession 2 is our local cartoonist. Her cartoons depicting some local people are found in many weekly papers in the area. Jackie and her family have been actively involved in church and community affairs

in on Tuesday mornings at 9 They discuss nutrition diet exercise etc and support one another in their endeavours

Through the Lambton County System there is access to all county books Southwestern Region books and books through Inter-library loans Tapes films records and cultural programs are also available

THE COMMUNITY WEIGH SCALE

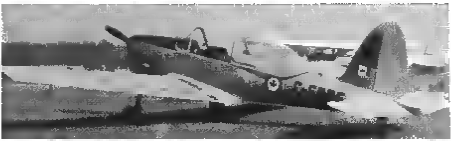
On the farm of James Dobbyn lot 26 concession 2 there was a large platform weigh scale approximately 8 feet by 14 feet which could weigh a load up to 8 ton It was housed in a building with a door on either end and large enough for a load of loose hay to be driven through Neighbours would bring cattle hogs and hay to be weighed The fee was 10c per weigh Part of the original building is still located on the farm now owned by Gwen Dobbyn

The remaining structure of the original weigh scale building

THE SHETLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

In August of 1978 Elliott Bros purchased this 1946 G M C fire truck from Inwood In 1983 an addition was added to the shop and warehouse west of the river road to house the truck Volunteer labour made the project less costly The unit has already proved its worth as it was used to quell a fire in the feed mill, put out several grass fires and clean pig barns boilers etc

About once a year in the decade between 1945 and 1955 the chimney on the Fairbanks Morris engine would catch fire With flames leaping thirty feet in the air, Russell Elliott would race over to the T H Moorhouses home and Muriel would hand him the end of a 150 foot hose kept on a reel in the basement for just such an emergency Each time they managed to get the engine shut down and the flames doused without a major catastrophe Such was not the case with mills at Rutherford and Wabash during the first half of the twentieth century



THE SHETLAND AIRPORT

Edward (Ted) Sharp received his flying license in 1958 and purchased his first private plane in 1960. At this time he built a 1700 foot grass runway west of the buildings running north and south on lot 24 concession 2. Bob Tinney keeps his plane on the farm and many others have used the strip coming from various points in Canada and the U S A. It has served as an emergency runway several times.

THE SHETLAND GAS COMPANY

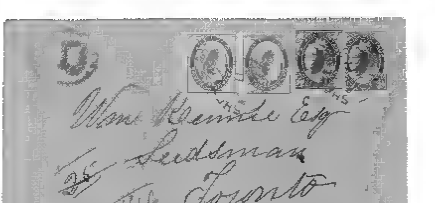
The Castle Oil Company drilled several wells at lot 25 and 26, concession 5 Euphemia hoping to find oil at the 2300 foot level but hit a pocket of gas instead.

Nothing was done with the gas until 1915 when five men from the community formed the Shetland Gas Company. They took a ten year lease to buy gas from the Castle Oil Company. Two inch steel pipe was purchased and a line was put in from the wells to Shetland. The pipeline supplied all the farms along the way and the village of Shetland with natural gas. The chopping mill also used gas to fire its steam boiler.

About the time the ten year lease was up salt began to cut off the gas supply in the wells, and the oil company would not renew the lease. The Shetland Company had no other place to buy gas so they pulled up their line, sold it and dissolved. Members of the company were: Manager T.H. Moorhouse, L.H. Baigley, W.A. Edwards, Robert Gray and James Dobbyn.

In 1960 Union Gas tapped into their line going from Zone Centre to Dawn at east half lot 18 concession 2 and put a line into Shetland. In 1976 a new 6 inch line was brought to the village from the line at 30 sideroad running between Dawn Gas Plant and London.

Main Street — Past and Present



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A registered letter sent from Shetland to Toronto in 1898 , note the amount of postage and Queen Victoria stamps.

POST OFFICE AND MAIL DELIVERY

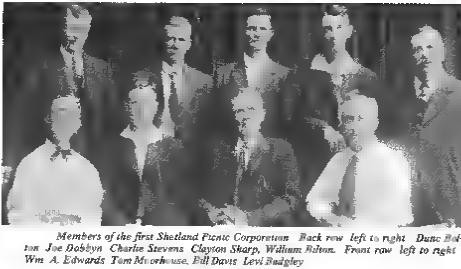
In the early 1860's John Drew the village blacksmith had a shop in Shetland in the gore (across from the present store) His daughter, Emily, used to walk to Florence weekly to get horse shoe nails for her father and she would bring the mail back to Shetland carrying it in a basket The neighbours called at the Drew home (Roesch's now) to get their mail

On May 1 1868 a post office was opened in Debbys Mills The name Shetland was applied by the post office department originating from the Shetland Isles off Scotland Mr John Drew was the first postmaster

In 1870 the first store in Shetland was opened by Andrew Ward who was also postmaster

In 1878 a post office was opened in the home of Richard Laird shoemaker It was located south of the hall (on what is Smith property now) The house was later moved to George Tanner's farm (lot 26 concession 5) Mail then came to Newbury Sutherland's Corner (now Carol) and on to Shetland The first mail courier remembered was Jim McKenna

With the adoption of the Rural Mail system about 1915 the Shetland post office was closed. The mail then came to Florence and was delivered by couriers — Wm McCreary George Thompson Walter Reiston John Armstrong John Sikor Stanley North Wm McFarlane Sid Rouchard, Robert Elliott Harry Elliott John Elliott James and Phyllis Cracknell. All Shetland residents receive mail addressed Rural Route #2 Florence In 1972 the postal code N0P 1X0 was added On October 2 1982 Saturday mail delivery ceased to exist



Members of the first Shetland Picnic Corporation Back row left to right Dunc Bolton Joe Bobbyn Charlie Stevens Clayton Sharp, William Bolton. Front row left to right Wm A. Edwards Tom Moorhouse, Bill Davis Levi Badgley

7 — Shetland Picnic

About 1904 a group of citizens organized a picnic in the bush on the farm of A J Peeke (a former storekeeper in Shetland) on lot 24 concession 3 The woods could be reached from both concession roads A concert was held in the evening and the day was brought to a close with fireworks After 2 successful years the picnic was discontinued for some unknown reason However the idea had merit so in 1908 a number of farmers in the area each subscribed $2 00 for the expense of a picnic on the understanding if the venture was successful the money would be returned This time it was held in the bush on the farm of Duncan Bolton The land lot 29 concession 3 was patented originally to Malkin Burwell on June 25 1823 and a few years later came into the hands of the Bobbyn family by purchase from Martha Fairland and they was owned by Duncan Bolton Hard and soft maple elm ash oak and hickory were the native trees on the clay loam soil. Originally entrance to the beautiful woods on the bank of the Sydenham River was through private farm lanes When larger crowds attended exit was sometimes through Bolton s fields

The first officers were William Bolton President Reginald L Moorhouse Secretary and Thomas H Moorhouse Treasurer Information on finances the first few years is scant but from 1911 the records are complete and interesting to today s reader That year expenses were $16 00 for the band $36 00 for the evening concert $19 80 for the fireworks $20 00 for the baseball teams $6 00 for printing and $5 00 to D Bolton for rent of the grounds At year end they had a surplus of $51 10 In 1912 there was a loss of $54 31 but in 1913 receipts exceeded expenditures by $87 91 Music that year cost $18 00 for the Croton band Temporary counters were erected in the form of a rectangle to comprise a booth from which sales of ice cream peanuts food bananas oranges, melons and soft drinks were made

During the 1914-1918 war years some thought the picnics should be discontinued others thought that with the extra work imposed by the absence of men some on the fighting line that a day of relaxation was necessary to maintain community spirit and the picnic continued The Municipal Council under George A Annett as Reeve passed a resolution on June 24 1916 that the second Wednesday in August be recognized as a Civic Holiday It con

tinued regularly on that date till 1963 when the date was changed to the second Saturday in August

Many athletic events open to all were the order of the day There were races for all ages jumping pole-vaulting swimming catching the duck all with some prizes usually of small monetary nature The best baby was an event always creating interest and prizes were awarded Baseball teams both hardball and softball from nearby communities of Newbury Bothwell Oakdale Thamesville Dresden and were matched and followed by many with great rivalry and interest Sometimes the teams came thirty to forty miles to engage in the contests Levi Bagelley and Thomas H Moorhouse had a motorboat in which picnickers might have a ride upon the river for a nominal fee prior to the first world war

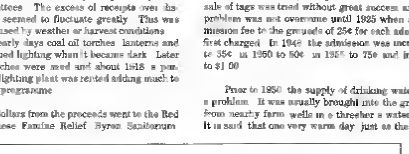
From 1914 two booths were operated one by William Hilton and the other by Joseph Dobbyn and their committees The excess of receipts over disbursements seemed to fluctuate greatly Thus was probably caused by weather or harvest conditions

In the early days coal oil torches lanterns and lamps supplied lighting when it became dark Later gasoline torches were used and about 1918 a portable Delco lighting plant was rented aiding much to the evening programme

Many dollars from the proceeds went to the Red Cross Chinese Famine Relief Byron Smithman repair of Shetland Hall and similar worthy objects of bounty Revenue continued to grow as the numbers of picnickers increased and by 1920 receipts from the booths amounted to $1 065 27 In 1920 120 gallons of ice cream supplied by Bothwell Creamery cost $168 00 In 1921 It was supplied by the Lambton Creamery the gallons were not recorded but the cost was $189 00 Ice cream at that time was not unmanned and there was plenty of real cream used

In the early years people came by horse and buggy and the trees and fences were the hepsots In later years the automobile provided transport and it became necessary to organize parking Admission to the grounds was free in the early years but later it became necessary to charge for the evening concert to meet the expense of the musicians and entertainers Admission to the concert was difficult to collect At first a portion of the grounds surrounding the platform was fenced A sale of tags was tried without great success and the problem was not overcome until 1925 when an admission fee to farm groups of 25¢ for each adult was first charged In 1946 the admission was increased to 35¢ in 1950 to 50¢ in 1957 to 75¢ and in 1966 to $1 00

Prior to 1950 the supply of drinking water was a problem It was usually brought into the grounds from nearby farm wells in a threshers water tank It is said that one very warm day just as the even


Shetland July 15th 1916

Yourself (and family) are sincerely invited
to attend Shetland Picnic on the
9th of August, 1916

BRING YOUR BASKETS

PROGRAMME N AFTERNOON OF
SPORTS, GAMES, SPEECHES, SONGS, ETC
GRAND CONCERT IN EVENING AT 7 00

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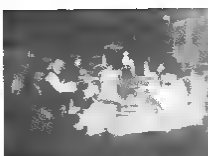
ing contest was about to begin the water tank was empty All soft drinks in the booths and been sold and the thirst of many was great William Bolton was an expert in making lemonade which at the time was very popular Hall s case of lemons had been left unsold so William Bolton squeezed the lemons Henry Doherty and Robert Fox carried water from the river in pails The water lemon juice sugar and ice was put in large wash tubs and sold with a goodly profit In later years a concession to operate the booth was sold by the picnic committee to Levi H Baldgley Robert McAuslan or Alex ander Bolton A booth for the sale of food was operated by the Women s Association of the local church or the Women s Institute on occasions The women were never charged for their concession rights

In the early days and for many years John Farrell of Forest Ontario a jovial man of good size and long wavy grey hair was master of ceremony He had a good voice and plenty of wit and humour He always arrived in a buggy drawn by a team of light horses This was a trip of at least 25 miles In 1930 the association presented him with a gold headed cane When he died in 1930 there were tears in the eyes of his many Euphemia Township friends W P MacDonald of Lambton County the Lambton County Agricultural Representative followed Mr Farrell as M C for a long time with great satisfaction.

The first portable benches were built in 1926 and more in 1928 The platform was covered in 1927 A ticket office was built in 1928 a refreshment booth in 1937 and a lunch booth in 1946 The first picnic tables were built in 1950

A picnic in the 1950 s meant taking your noon and evening meal in a basket A table cloth was spread on the ground and the food set out for the whole family

About 1933 the committee felt that Duncan Bolton was getting older and the farm might be sold the bush cut and the community would lose the picnic grounds Bolton had been paid for many years a small fee or rental to partially recompense him for the inconvenience caused and the damage done to his property The annoyance damage and inconvenience the Bolton family suffered it is suggested was largely satisfied by their contribution to the enjoyment of others The committee arranged



A Shetland family picnicking approximately 65 years ago. George Bolton Dave Leach, Mary Leach Mary Bolton (Palmer) Flossie Bolton (Brownlee) Mrs Duncan Bolton

to purchase the bush from Bolton he to have pasturing rights as long as he lived They were advised of the possible liability if they became owners and it was suggested that a non-profit corporation be set up to hold title Letters Patent for a corporation known as Shetland Picnic Corporation were issued by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario under date of 16th January 1934 to Levi Harris Baldgley Donald Alexander Brown William John Davis James Roland Dobbyn Robert James Russell Gray all of the Township of Euphemia as the first directors. Eric G Moorhouse a solicitor of London Ontario and a native of Euphemia who undertaked a honorarifice at Bothwell acted for the directors

The directors pointed out that the fence line between the Bolton and Gray properties was not along the hand line between the east and west halves of the lot, as a problem arose in correctly describing lands without a survey When the Dobbyn family divided the lot it was an acreage or area division only The directors were instructed to project the blind line to the north side of 26 sideroad and then measure to the point where the line fence between the Bolton and Gray properties met 26 sideroad That distance was 4 chains, 91 links Their measurements from where the projection of the blind line met the river to the line fence was 9 chains 20 links The fence line was thus on a considerable angle from the side lines of the lot. The previous conveyancing described the lands only from the east and west halves of the lot By an Agreement dated the 10th of

July 1934 between the Eltons and Grays who owned the lands to the east and the corporation the boundary line was correctly established

The southerly limit of the corporation property was 40 rods in length measured parallel to the side road The west line then runs some 34 rods to the water s edge of the river There is an entrance way to the corporation e lands some 2 rods wide along the easterly limit of the Bolton property from the sideroad The deed from Bolton to the corporation is dated the 20th of January 1934 and recites a consideration of $1 067 00 of which $567 00 was paid in cash and the balance secured by a mortgage which was paid off in 1942 It is suggested the price was $100 00 per acre for the grounds of some 10 acres and the balance for the laneway The grounds south of the river comprise an area of something in excess of 10 acres

After the purchase of the property in 1939 hydro was installed in 1937 The picnic committee was always well organized and the responsibility for the advertising for the grounds for booths for races ball games sporting events baby show tossing concert platform entertainment fireworks was pretty generally shared by the members of the community On some few occasions there has been rain before or after the day but generally speaking the weatherman has greatly favoured this annual summer event

In 1948, Wm.J Davis donated the 2 stone pillars, located at the entrance to the picnic grounds They were constructed by Frank Clifford, a local stonemason who resided in the town ship.

The afternoon platform events band music speeches by local politicians and the evening concert encountered some problems with acoustics. There were many competing sounds laughter from the nearby ball games noise from the races and latterly motorboats upon the river It was not sufficiently overcome until 1954 when a loud speaker system was installed.

In 1940 a well was put down on the grounds and to this day it is a never-ceasing wonder to many city children who have never seen a water pump The water is good with a slight sulphur taste but always cool and thirst-quenching

During the war years fireworks could not be procured and were dropped but were revived again in 1942 In 1951 boat races were made part of the entertainment programme

Some prominent guest speakers were invited over the years In 1949 Dr Rook president of O A C spoke followed by Hon Leslie Frost in 1950 and Hon Paul Martin in 1952

Following the second world war with the advent of outboard motors and the ease of transport of boats by automobiles many people commenced coming to the river from nearby cities and from the U S A launching their boats from a place where a small stream entered the north side of the Syden ham River i provide the grounds purchased from Bolton They were trespassing over an undefined piece of land owned by Levi Harris Sedgley lying between the river road and the river The officers of the picnic corporation realized full well how this might interfere with not only the aquatic sports but the picnic generally and they purchased some 5 acres of land on the north side of the river from Levi Harris Sedgley on 5th December 1952 for $500 00 That purchase gave effective control of the river adjacent to the picnic grounds Levi Harris Sedgley and Duncan Bolton both conveyed whatever interest they had in the river to the corporation

Profits were devoted to improving the property fences were erected grounds levelled for a baseball diamond trees planted along the laneway and toilets constructed Members of the corporation planted many trees which have since grown to considerable size

Entertainment has taken many forms. Bands

from Bothwell, Groton, Dresden, Florence, Mooretintown, Petrolia, Wardsville and other places, played in the afternoon and evening and are well remembered for the quality of their music. For the evening concerts of music, humour, sleight of hand artists and dancers, the committee for almost 40 years, under the Chairmanship of Clayton Sharp latterly Harold Dobbyn, was always very careful to choose artists of the highest calibre.

By 1958, a rifling and water show had taken the place of boat races. In 1960, the Shetland Boat Club took over the water show and for many years has added much to the success of the picnic.

On the 8th of May, 1963, the corporation conveyed all the lands acquired by it to Sydenham Valley Conservation Authority incorporated under the Conservation Authorities Act of the Province of Ontario for consideration of $1.00 on the condition that the same would be maintained in perpetuity as a Conservation Area and Park for the inhabitants of the community and others and that the community might continue to operate the picnic as heretofore and the local boat club could continue as it had done. Many improvements have since been made: picnic tables brought to the property, roadways improved, parking area marked and roads and fences improved. Many people come now to this area to rest and enjoy the quietness of the beautiful country side. Family picnics are a regular sight and group camping as allowed.

In 1971 a tug of war was part of the day's entertainment. The minutes recorded in 1972 state that the Boat Club was given chickens and charcoal

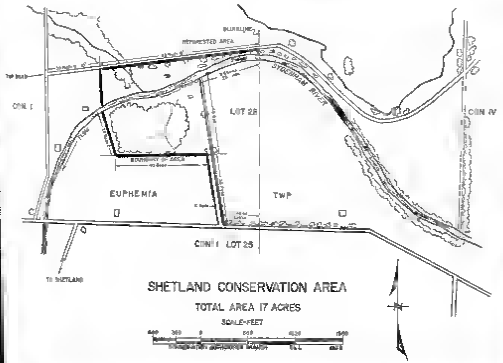
This photo shows 7 canoes lining up for competition in 1975. Each entrant had to guide their approach to the marker and single paddle back to the finish line.

FAMOUS FLYING LEAP — The "Shetland Connections" — Allan Gray and Stuart Sharp are pictured as they prepare to climb the hill for their famous flying leap across the Sydenham at Shetland picnic (1975).

EXECUTIVE AT WORK — Being on the executive for the Shetland Picnic Association isn't exactly a position of honour and prestige as these three men can attest. Shown here as they hook up connections on the propane stoves on Tuesday night, before the picnic are left to right John Drage Secretary Owen Dobbyn, President, Ted Sharp Past President. The Shetland U.C.W. ladies sponsor a booth which is their biggest money making project of the year as well as one of the busiest and tiring days of the year for the diligent workers.

Levi Bradley, and Thomas H. Monkhouse had a motor boat in which picnickers might have a ride for a nominal fee prior to the first World War

High insurance fees rule out pleasure rides today. However the power boat is in full use for the day's activities.



in payment for their show. By 1974, the entrance fee was raised to $1.50 then to $2.50 in 1977.

About 1976, canoe races were introduced under the direction of Donald Craig. Many local canoeists members of the Euphemia Club participate.

The mile swim is a big event each year along with swimming and diving competitions. There is usually a scramble for a watermelon but in 1978 they used a live duck in place of the melon. That same year a log was put across the river, it was soaped and contestants were invited to walk the log.

Hardly a year passes without 2 or 3 young men participating in a comic event during the boat show. The Shetland Connections were featured one year. They attempted to leap the river on bicycles from a hilltop vantage point with the aid of a rocket. Sorry to report the attempt was a failure but the entrants had a refreshing dip and the cycles were retrieved. They promised they would try again using a manmade ramp as a starting point, and two rockets as propellants.

A new competitive sport introduced the past few years is a log sawing contest. There are classes for professionals and amateurs with women, men and children competing. Here we see Sonia Pynaert and Cathy Cavenagher sawing their way to first place in the 1984 competition.

In 1975, 4 entrants took part in the mile swim, and all finished. Front left to right: Scott Montgomery 13 of Dubreuhville, Northern Ontario finished 4th. Dugal Smith 14 of Croton finished 3rd. Wendy Smith 16 of Croton finished 1st. John Drage, secretary of the Shetland Picnic corporation. Back row left to right: Owen Dobbyn President of the organization. Joe Elliott 18 of Shetland who finished 2nd in the event.

In 1984 President Bernie Bergsma presents a monetary award to Connie Crozier (centre) of Glencoe who won the mile swim. Robert Gray was second. Marilyn Powers (left) of Shetland won 3 firsts in swimming and diving events.

Clayton Sharp

Delbert Brownlee

Frank Johnston

Clayton Sharp and Delbert Brownlee were 2 committee members who attended the picnic every year to within a year or so of their deaths. Frank Johnston was another loyal supporter. He acted as secretary of the association for some 43 years.

Most of the men of the community have at one time or another held an office in the association and it is interesting to note how many of the sons followed in their fathers' footsteps. The picnic has operated as a labour of love and no person has been paid for services in preparation for or the holding of the picnic.

Expenses have been steadily rising and attendance has diminished over the past few years. The admission fee was still $2.00 per adult with children 12 and under free in 1984. The Campbell Pipe Band cost $50.00 and the fee for entertainment runs about $350-$400. As a result, the picnic has operated at a loss since 1980. Debentures interest has kept it from financial disaster thus far but one wonders what the future holds.

SAWDUST SCRAMBLE — A special event for all children 5 and under is the saw dust scramble for candy and coins. Those tots were just one of the groups digging for a reward in 1984. A full slate of land races is held each year for children of all ages.

Past and Present

8 — The Sydenham River

Bear Creek until 1846 and now called the Sydenham River, has always played an important part in the life of the Shetland community.

In the early days when there were only trails through the woods it was the main transportation route. During the winter logs were cut, hauled and piled in great quantities on the river bank below Richard Dobbyn's home.

In the spring, when the water level was high the logs were floated downstream to the mill possibly Derrett at first, then Dresden and Wallaceburg.

River water power also operated the stone grist mill and a saw mill located one-half mile from the village. A dam was built to divert the water flow through the mill and fish below the dam were so abundant they hauled them in with dip nets and sold them as a profitable business.

Before hydro power came to the village in the early thirties the refrigerant was ice — so the families worked together to put in the year's supply of block ice. The large blocks were cut, loaded onto sleds hauled up the bank and stored in sawdust, either in sheds to be used on the farm or in the village ice house, to be sold by the local merchant.

The scene, at the finish line, when the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority holds Canoe Races on the Sydenham each April.

The river supports many pleasure activities today just as it did in the past. Skating was a favourite winter pastime years ago for there were no sports complexes then. Tobogganing and sleigh rides were fun activities on the sloping banks in the village area. Ice fishing was popular in the early 1900's and a fresh pickerel dinner makes a welcome change today on any winter menu. Snowmobiling is another activity enjoyed by Sheltand folk during the winter months. Its great fun to cruise along at high speed on the smooth ice then suddenly come upon a patch of open water and try to perform like Evel Knievel. I'm sure there has been the odd water logged machine retrieved from 3-5 feet at my water

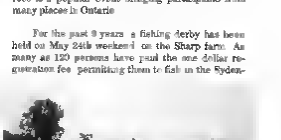
EUPHEMIA PARTICIPANTS — Included front (left to right) Greg Lunn of K R 2 Florence, John Sinclair Tricia Downie and Janet Sinclair of R R 2 Pothwell Behind is Kevin Morwood Imme for the weekend race from Toronto.

V I P WINNERS — Don Craig (centre) race co-ordinator from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority is flanked on both sides by winners in V I P race Bill Bilton (left) and Alex Gray (right) representing Euphemia township student.

When spring arrives and winter snow accumulation melts the Sydenham is very apt to overflow its banks. Years ago the water level would rise slowly and dissipate just as slowly but now with farms well tiled and many drainage ditches to carry great quantities of surface water the river levels remain high for several days.

Nothing can compare to the beauty and quietness of nature as experienced in a canoe travelling downstream on the Sydenham in early spring or late fall. The sounds the bird life the animal life and life on the water itself seems as if it belongs in another world as you glide along on the smooth surface. Suddenly you hear the sound of rushing water and you round the next bend to find yourself paddling your way through a stretch of white water rapids. If one could view the river from the air as it snakes its way through the countryside between Shetland and Florence you would appreciate the fact that it traverses a course no less than 7 miles in length. Each spring the St. Clair Conservation Authority sponsors a canoe race. For the past few years the race has begun near Aughrim and finishes at Shetland Conservation area. Many of the local participants belong to the Euphemia Canoe Club organized by Don Craig. The canoe race is a popular event bringing participants from many places in Ontario.

For the past 9 years a fishing derby has been held on May 24th weekend on the Sharp farm. As many as 120 persons have paid the one dollar registration fee permitting them to fish in the Syden-



FISHING DERBY PARTICIPANTS 1982

FISHING DERBY WINNERS in 1985 — Back, left to right – Dave Thompson of Thamesville — $17.00 for second largest fish weighing 1 lb. 11½ ozs, Bob Young of Chatham $13.00 second for catching 2 fish totalling 2 lbs 1½ ozs. Shawn Hilton of Florence $21.00 first for catching 2 fish totalling 4 lbs. 5½ ozs. Front, left to right: Jim Elgie of Croton $25.00 for largest fish weighing 3 lbs. 9 4 ozs. Shawna Webster of Florence $8.00 for smallest fish weighing ½ ounce.

ham for 3 hours and have their catch weighed to be eligible for a prize. Gordon Pringley and Barry Osborne organized the event for 1946 and Pat (Elliott) Osborne was recording secretary. Fish caught this year included suckers, bass, shiners, catfish and sheepshead ranging in size from 3 lbs. 9 4 ozs to ½ ounce. Its an exciting family oriented event for children of all ages and a time for fishing and socializing for the adults as well.

The Shetland Boat Club uses the river extensively in the summer months as they practise for their Shetland Picnic water show. There have been exhibitions of all types of water skiing — one ski, two skis, barefoot on a saucer, doing a hand stand, ramp jumping, slalom, ballet, show salute, over and under 3 skier slalom and 360 degree turns on banana peels (trick ski). The youngest participants have been Margaret Ann Gray at age 2 and Margaret Ann's daughter Alisa Wright also age 2. There have been a number of skiers who were 50 plus. One Sunday, there were 23 boats in the river ranging from Bob Moorhouse's homemade Sea Flea with a 10 H.P. motor to the largest, motor boats belonging to Bob Fennell and Jim Keenan.

For a number of years there was a woven wire bridge across the river. This bridge was masterminded and constructed by Roy Elliott and used as a short cut from his farm south of the river (on the first concession) to his farm north of the river (originally the Powell farm).

Over the years the majority of Shetland children learned to swim in the river at the park and spent many an hour swinging out over the water on the rope tied to the maple tree, then dropping into the water and swimming to the bank to repeat the procedure. Many swimmers learned to dive from diving boards located on both the north and south banks over the years.

SHETLAND NAMES

When I moved into the middle of the Shetland, Fansher and Florence communities in 1956 a rather unique situation prevailed. Nearly all the young men born in the 20's and early 30's possessed nicknames (as instead of identifying a person by one name you had to learn double labels. Many of those labels are still as prominent today, as they were back in 1939.

THE SYDENHAM CAMP-OUT

One day in the summer of 1939 a group of young Shetland area lads decided they would go on a two day camping spree. The spot was selected on the river flats of the Charles Elliott farm. Every one invited was told what they should bring by Frog as he was the general organizer. Colourful tents and sleeping bags were not the order of the day in depression years so each boy brought along a couple of blankets, some dishes, silverware and food. The day was spent swimming (in the nude for what had a bathing suit in those days?) and having mud fights. By supper time everyone was famished and ravenous. The meal was cooked in a camp fire and the usual eerie ghost stories related. When darkness fell a decision was made to sleep on the lawn near the house, rather than by the river.

By this time it was pitch black and monstrous mosquitoes were out in swarms. New Skeeter was prone to sleep walking, so it was decided to tie his toe to Oscar's toe, so someone would be alerted if the need arose. Toby wasn't going to let any mos-

quite bother him as he rolled completely up in his blanket, head and all

At the first crack of dawn the roosters started to crow and everyone was awake ready for break fast Buzz went looking for firewood Shooter was sent to the hen house for fresh eggs and Frog lo cated the milk cow in the pasture so warm milk was available on tap After another strenuous day of activity everyone enjoyed a supper of canned sau sage which Jane had brought from Mother s pan try shelf Since the mosquitoes hadn t gone on holiday it was agreed that the second night should be spent on the parlour floor Admittal said Rusty were not in on the camping but they were on hand to do some teasing and tormenting and six year old Bones wandered back to see what the big guys were up to By the second day at noon the food supply was depleted lack of sleep was causing some irritability and nearly everyone had scratches at departing time or at least by the following day So ended the Sydenham Camp out

Can you identify these names in and around Sheltnut? Bennett Gooney [sic]Sep Sarge Creaser Fussy Fout Tiny Grandpa Tobe Oscar Shooter Buzz Bones Frog Jane Plug Friday Pa and Duffy

BRIDGES

The first bridge across the river was a foot bridge followed by a wooden bridge set on a pier in the centre of the river built by John and James Dobbyn The next bridge was a steel one which was set on cylinders and built by Greenwides Ice caused the cylinders to collapse and it was washed away A temporary steel bridge was erected and had to be taken apart to let logs through

Extracts from Euphemia Council minutes report that on March 1d 1887 Dobbyn a bridge was reported unsafe Lauchlan Smith and Wilbert Moor house recommended the building of a new bridge On November 3 1887 Wm Rilton made a motion and Wilbert Moorhouse seconded it that the tender of Wm Law of the Central Iron Bridge Company Peterborough for the sum of $4 150 00 be accepted for the erection of an iron bridge across the River Sydenham on the site known as Dobbyn s to be completed by January 1 1888 Bylaw 173 authorized the work and bylaw 177 authorized the borrowing of money for it It was completed by August 9 1888 ahead of schedule

The present bridge was constructed in 1961-62 The contractor was G A Gibson and Sons Ltd from

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTED 1888

Old road along river's edge facing south toward Shetland

Worcester Ontario and the contract price was $40 158 00 Since the road along the river was tending to slide towards the river a piece of land was purchased from Roland Dobbyn to build a new road west of his farm buildings

Marguerite Blake and Ruth Dobbyn fed the workers while they were on the job site and the men lived in construction huts

'Did you hear about the body found floating in the river? It happened some years ago You could see it from the bridge so as a crowd gathered Tom Elliott and Roland Dobbyn got into a boat and paddled up for a closer look It was turned face down its hair matted and its legs heavy pulled down by the current

When the question was again asked Who was it? John Drage replied chuckling a bit Who just a body that I made Owen Dobbyn was in on it too We made the thing of corn wood plastic and horsehair

The river has also taken its toll Over the years there have been two drownings an adult and a child and old diaries record the loss of livestock from time to time

Bridge built in 1961-62 in use today (1985)

9 — School

It is believed that the first school classes were held in the log church which was built in 1835 Maria Gibson was the first teacher A log school house was then built south of John Drew s black smith shop which was located in the north part of the gore formed by the concession road and the river road about 1851 At that time a piece of land 66 foot square was purchased from John Dobbyn There was just a pathway between the school and blacksmith shop When the log school burned the pupils met over John Dobbyn s brick cellar

Wm Armstrong
To Ok of Euphemia.

Records show that by deed on the 7th of March 1863 registered the 21st of April 1863 as No 662 William Dobbyn yeoman and his wife Ellen Jane conveyed to Henry Moorhouse William Fenby and Thomas Moorhouse Sr as trustees of S S No 1 part of lot 25 concession 3 commencing at the south west angle of the lot, thence north one chain and 25 links and going to a depth of 4 chains

On this piece of land (south of the present hall) a frame cottage was built for a school and the school property in the gore was sold to John Drew

Teachers listed from 1835-1877 included Miss Gibson Mr Hyme Mr Silcox Thomas Bell Walter H Moorhouse Miss Irving and Miss Scurrah An early settler and teacher in Shetland was Wm Armstrong known as Pap or Pappy He was born in Edinburgh Scotland in 1811 He emigrated to Canada as a young man and took up teaching He received a land lot from Colonel Talbot in 1831 He was the first recipient to hold a first class teaching certificate in the township of Zone County of Kent (now Euphemia) After teaching for nearly 50 years, he retired on a government pension of $266 a year

For the next 3 years he interested himself in township matters working as assessor and clerk His vast experiences made him a travelling encyclopedia on almost every conceivable subject

He acted as justice of the peace and did much work in the way of conveyances as a representative of Colonel Talbot. He established a post office which he had the honour of naming "Aberfeldy" after a village near his birthplace in Scotland. He died at age 83.

Mr Richard Dobbyn was one of the early teachers in Shetland and was also a magistrate for many years. Having taught school in Ireland before coming to Canada it was no doubt his influence as a teacher which laid a firm foundation in academic education for the early inhabitants of the Bear Creek community. Mr Dobbyn displayed a vast knowledge of mathematics and science and excelled in penmanship. He enjoyed making sundials—vertical, horizontal and equinoctial. Another item exhibiting his skill was an ecliptic by placing a lamp in the centre to represent the sun; he could show the day's length in any month or latitude.

Richard Dobbyn, First Reeve of Raphaina

Honour Promotion Certificate 1870 Teacher Walter H. Mackenzie

Early picture of school (about 1880 s) Note size of the trees and wooden fence. The top of the Old Mill House can be seen in the background on John Dobbyn s farm.

About 1870 the school sections were mapped out in the township By deed dated December 1 1877 registered December 21, 1877 as No 2580 Elmore P Rose conveyed 1¼ acres in lot 24, con numbr 2 to the trustees of school section No 1 In 1878 a brick school was erected on the southern edge of the village and the first teacher in the school was Elizabeth Wilson who later married Alexander Denbyn

When the frame school was no longer in use Alfred Moorhouse used it as a cheese factory Curns (Moorhouse) Wilson's mother Emily used to make cheese cloth bands for the cheeses before Alfred Moorhouse married The factory closed in 1880 When Alfred went west Richard Laird used the building for a stable while he operated a boot, shoemaking and repair shop in the village until about 1913 Later it was moved to the back of the lot next door (to the south) and used as a stable and garage The east half of the building was used as an ice house in connection with the store Both Levi Badgley and George Bolton sold ice from it

The early schools were heated with a huge wood burning stove with wood stored in the wood shed. An oven in the stove pipe was great for warming food and drying mitts

After 1915 a gas jet was put into the furnace and the school was heated with gas This worked fine as long as the mill wasn t drawing too much pressure or some of the older boys who were peeved with the teacher hadn t closed the valve on the gas line half way When gas was no longer available a new box stove was put in to burn wood and coal then changed to oil heat about 1951 Drinking water facilities consisted of a pail and community dipper while washing facilities included a wash basin and slop pail Primitive toilet facilities were provided outside near the back fence Later chemical toilets

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Course of study for Promotion from the Second and Third Classes, as adopted by the "Teachers Association, February 9th, 1883

Subject.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.
READING.	Tytler Lessons and First Reader	Second Reader and Lessons.	Third Reader. Rapid preparation of lessons by home. Varied elocution
SPELLING.	Spelling from Reading Lessons, daily and on slates.	Spelling from Reading Lessons, daily and on slates.	Spelling from Third Reader, orally, on slates and papers.
WRITING.	Writing on slates. Small letters well made. Transcription from reader.	Writing on slates and paper. Questions on letters. Capitals well made. Transcription from Reader.	Copy writing. Capitals. Text, running, cabin, sloping, ornamental.
ARITHMETIC.	Numeration and Notation to three figures. Addition and Subtraction. Use of the slate, pencil and eraser.	Numeration and Notation to seven figures. A thorough knowledge of the simple rules. Use of the slate, pen, ruler, and pencil.	Rules and Laws to the end of page 109. Theory and practice.
DRAWING.	Walter Smith, to Simple Curves, page 35. FOR NINTY YEAR.	Walter Smith, to Compound Curves, page 87. FOR NINTY YEAR.	Walter Smith, to page 105. Exercise of course for First and Second Classes. FOR NINTY YEAR.
GEOGRAPHY	Outline of some of the counties. Direction of objects from School House or Home.	County of Lanarkshire thoroughly prepared. Map of Lanarkshire. Definitions.	Definitions—North and South America and Canada. Map Drawing—Generally.
GRAMMAR and COMPOSITION	Formation of sentences, with use of suitable given words from the Reading Lessons.	Sentences containing words from Reader. Meanings of words and phrases in Reader	Parts of Speech. Analysis of simple sentences in Prose.—Previous Text, sub-jects, subsequents, predicate, completion, extensive Description and Say.
OBJECT LESSON	Form, Size, Weight and Color of common objects.	For this year, Elephant and Whale thoroughly prepared. To be changed every year.	Elephant, Whale and Lion. To be changed every year.
TEMPERANCE and HYGIENE			Digestion and Circulation.

Singing, Drill and Calisthenics as an Obligatory Programme.

Fourth Class Reader, entrance to High School.

Special Lessons for Third Class.—John Adams and his Lads, Grace Darling, Admiral Tromberg, Picciola, The Miner's Perilous The Beaver Capitals, The Savages of North America, The Battle of Quiberon Heights, Peterock Attempt to Deposite Secret, The Good Samaritan, The Chamaeleon and the Salamon, Alfred the Great.

BY ORDER OF THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS

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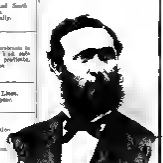

Chas. A. Barnes
Inspector of Public Schools
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PUPILS AND TEACHER OF S.S #1 EUPHEMIA IN 1915 — Standing left to right Agnes Dobbyn, Ivy Stevens Mary Grey Stella Johnston Myrtle Bolton Flossie Bolton Catherine Fleming Charlie Johnston James Blakie Charlie Fox and teacher Evelyn Long Second row left to right Verda Badgley Marguerite Dobbyn Lizzie Fleming Ada Stevens, Grace Bolton Fleda Brownlee Reta Badgley Mary Powell Ila Bolton Viola Tullet and Mildred Bolton. Front row left to right Harold Dobbyn Bertlan Johnston, Russell Gray Oswald Moorhouse Emerson Moorhouse Orlando Johnston, Aubrey Dobbyn, Adrian Fox, Roland Dobbyn Duncan Gray, Harold Moorhouse and Nelson Fowell

were put in the entry way. The belfry housed the large brass bell. About twice a year one of the older boys would ring the bell exceptionally energetically — then when the rope was released the bell would make a 360 degree turn, and the rope would end up in the belfry. This necessitated locating a long ladder and a climb into the belfry to retrieve the rope.

Growing a school garden on the property was an annual project and Arbour Day around May 24 was a day for raking the lawn, planting trees and a trip to the woods to view wild flowers.

To the pupils attending the rural school the highlight of the year had to be the Christmas concert. About December 1 practises would begin for the plays, drills, recitations, etc. The concert would be held in the evening at the hall around December 20.

The children and their parents would arrive along with grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends until the tiny building fairly bulged at the seams and standing room was at a premium. One of the trustees or some prominent community member would act as chairman. The children performed angelically dressed in their Sunday best. Around closing time Santa Claus always arrived wearing his red suit and cotton whiskers to kiss the teacher and distribute gifts from the Christmas tree.

Music was usually on the school curriculum. During the early years tuning forks were used to lead the singing class. Friday afternoons were special as there were spelling matches and occasionally an afternoon of recitations, singing and dialogue. In preparation for special occasions such as Mother's Day or concerts residents of the community, Mrs. T.H. Moorhouse and Mrs. A. May assisted the teacher with the music program.

About the mid-forties a music teacher visited the school once a week and gave instruction. Mrs. McMillan was a well-known instructress. At that time local school choirs participated in music festivals and Shetland won acclaim at the Sarnia Music Festival on various occasions.

When pupils graduated from Senior Fourth (Grade 8 today) they continued their education at the Florence Continuation School. The old school was attended in 1911 and the new school in 1917 even had a Home Economics room and a workshop.

Pupils and teacher of S.S. #1 Euphemia in 1936. Back row, left to right: Jessie Gray, Doris Bolton, Jack Bilton, Carrie Sharp, teacher Lela Bilyea. Front, left to right — Lloyd Bilton, Stanley Bolton, Mildred Bolton, Dorothy Drage, Ola Bolton, Hazel May, Tom Elliott, Lloyd May, Alex Moorhouse. Absent were Phyllis Dunlop, Betty Drage.

Pupils and teacher of S S #1 Euphemia in 1958 Back row left to right Teacher Alma Wright Nancy Bilton, Larry Prangley Mervin Howes Alex Blekie Winnifred Brown 2nd row left to right Noreen Elliott Patsy Elliott, Shannon Bilton Mary Jean Prangley Margaret Brown Gordon Prangley 3rd row left to right Allan Grey Mavais Gowne Ronnie Wilcox Murray Prangley Patsy Dark. Front, left to right Clyde Cowell Larry Dark Robert Elliott

Students travelled to school on foot on horse back on bicycles in buggies and in cars Some families and their neighbours arranged car pools In September 1947 school buses started to carry students to and from high school

In the early 1900's some students boarded with relatives or friends to attend a nearby high school Some attended boarding schools such as Alma College, St. Thomas

Teachers who remained in the community or were raised in Euphemia included Miss Evelyn Lang (1914-1920) who married Delbert Brownlee Miss Margaret Campbell (1920 1925) who married Sutton Moorhouse Mrs Freda Robinson 1945 Miss Phyllis Dobbyn 1946 Miss Alma Wright 1956-1961

When the rural school was closed in June 1965 Mrs. Clara Corlett (left) was the teacher and Mrs Joan Downie (right) was the itinerant music teacher

Teaching staff in 1967 included back left to right Marjory Johnston, Margaret Tomen Gerry Durfy Mary Ross Mary Lou Elton. Front left to right Clara Corlett, Marjorie Hands Dana Lampman.

In 1963 the township school area was formed and a new central school was built as part of lot 25 concession 5 The rural schools including S S #1 closed their doors in June 1965 Since the new school was not ready for occupancy in September all pupils were bussed to Florence There classrooms were set up in the public school and used until November The new Euphemia Township Central School was officially opened on January 14 1966

The area of the school was 11 635 square feet with a capacity of 210 students Enrollment in 1966 was 196

The contract price was $199 954 00 and architect fees were $11 998 64 Furniture and drapery added $6,258 76 The 8 2 acres of land was purchased from Robert Annett for $5 000 00 The well is 72 feet deep The school is heated by oil fired hot water and has a 400 amp hydro service Transportation consisted of a fleet of 4 66 passenger buses operated by George Bodkin of Florence

Drivers at that time were George Bodkin John Bilton John Koster and Bob Bergsma Custodian was Bernie Bergsma

School board members were Fred Faasher chairman Edwin Walker Vice Chairman James Brennan Sherman Card Wilbert North Ivan Armstrong Secretary Treasurer

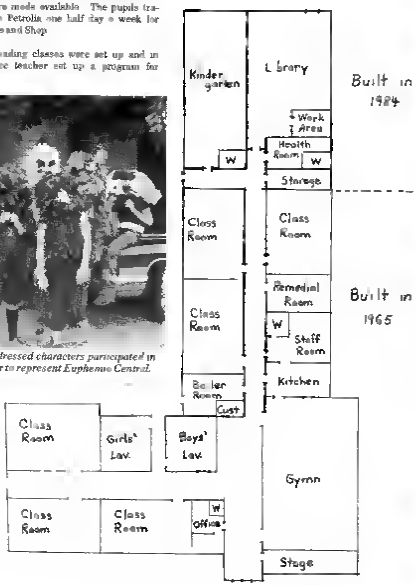
In 1969 the County school board was formed Euphemia had one elected representative on the new board James Brennan

In September 1969 the first kindergarten class was started Mrs Ruth McDonald was the teacher and classes were held in a rectangular portable In 1971 a round portables was moved in to serve as a kindergarten room The first portable became a classroom and a library was established in 1972. For a year previous Marion Meredith organized a library in the storage room

With the advent of a county system Industrial Arts classes were made available. The pupils travelled by bus to Petrolia one half day a week for Home Economics and Shop.

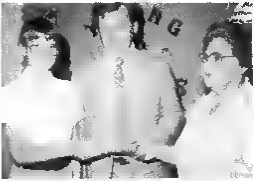
Remedial reading classes were set up and in 1979 a Resource teacher set up a program for gifted children.

Those well dressed characters participated in the Florence Fair to represent Euphemia Central.



Euphemia Township School

Ron Mansfield
Principal 1975-76



Jeff Armstrong (left) presents Sheaffer pens to Principal Syd Fletcher who moved to Forest in 1981 and to Vera Lonsemore who retired as librarian at Euphemia Central.

FIELD DAY CHAMPIONS — Winning trophies as individual champions were left to right back row Billy Kerr Intermediate boy Vanessa Knox Intermediate girl Darlene Ellett Senior girl Mike Blythe Senior boy Front row Shawn Pilton Junior boy Jenny Ellett Mite girl Jeremy Alexander Mite boy Darlene Kulick Junior girl— 1981

Speaking Contest Winners in April 1978 were Senior 1 Donna Macaulay Dionne Quintuplets absent 2 Heather Rolston Elaine Tanner 3 Carol Johnston U F O s Junior 1 John Kerr My Trip to Eneau 2 Janet Dewsnip Bing Crosby 3 Tricia Downie Dino saurs 4 Colleen Rolston Elvis Presley

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION — Left to right Rosila Elliott school secretary gets information from Shirley Sinclair and daughter Janet, also Sara Sewell and her grandmother Mrs Wilma MacRobert in April 1978.

Principals over the years included Gerry Darby 1965-1974 Dave Clements 1974 Ron Mansfield | 1975-1976 Syd Fletcher | 1976-1981 Robert Hext 1981 till present (1985) Board representatives have been Jas Bremner Lorne Smith for Dawn and Euphemia Alex Gilroy for Brooke and Euphemia and Ed Gray for Brooke and Euphemia

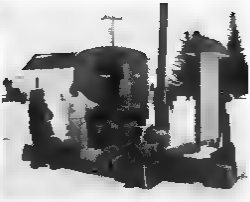
The present school secretary is Mrs Rosalia Elliott of Bothwell She has held the position since 1978

Itinerant music teachers have been Joan Downie Elaine Leeson Corinne Douglas (Cameron) Frances Lindsay and Dan Surman

Public speaking winners in 1980 81 were Kim Morwood Janet Downie and Kathy Munro. Dr A C Moorhouse holds the Senior Winners Plaque

STAFF IN 1982 — Back row left to right Mrs Margaret Coleman Miss Karen John son Mrs. Rosilla Elliott Mr Bernie Bargsma, Mr Murray Sharp Mrs Carolyn Willmore Mrs. Mary Lou Bilton Front row left to right Mrs. Nancy McCurdy Mrs. Marjorie Hands Mr Robert Hext Mrs Eileen Fatterson Mrs. Wanda Rich. The staff in 1985 is much the same except that Karen (Johnston) McLean took Wanda Rich s place and additional staff includes Brenda Feattie Itinerant teachers are Mary Ethel Douglas — Resource Cheryl Keep Speech Pam Lindsay Music.

Janice Wrench (left) Jim Rich (centre) Shelley McVicar (right) shine off the silver dollars they received for running the most laps. The Lap competition is run each winter to promote physical fitness.



The Grade 7 and 8 had an overnight trip to Forest United Church Camp in 1980-81 to enjoy winter sports

In 1984 a 60 x 57 foot addition was constructed at a cost of $206 319 00 which included furnishings This part houses a new kindergarten room a library nurse's room and storage area One portable is used for teaching French Instruction in French began in 1971 for Grades 7 and 8 Today every student from Grade 3-8 receives 20 minutes of French daily

There are still 4 buses in operation owned by McNaughtons from Watford Drivers in 1986 are John Myers Bill Bodkin Lee Johnston and John Vanderveen

In 1984 14 students started kindergarten in September Eight classrooms were in use with 153 pupils in attendance Twenty-two students are registered to begin kindergarten in September 1985 so it appears the population is on an upward trend

KINDERGARTEN ROOM IN NEW ADDITION 1984

LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE IN NEW ADDITION 1984

EUPHEMIA HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

On November 15 1967 a meeting was held and the first executive members were elected Gerry Darby was the Principal Advisor President - Norma Wright Secretary Treasurer – Theresa Armstrong Program Committee – Betty Annett Alma Brown Marion Elliott Joan Downie Lunch Committee – Helen Frangley Dora Whitson Dorothy Macaulay Room Representatives 1 Pat Thompson 2 Phyllis Cumming 3 Maxine Elliott 4 Darlene Read 5 Ann Lunn

The first official meeting of the Home and School was held on January 5 1968 with over 100 parents and ratepayers present.

Over the years money raised by the Home and School group has added many frills of benefit to the students They have helped pay for awards trophies plaques bars crests school uniforms at time at the teams for skating parties and buses for class trips They have held skate and boot exchanges benefit dances and card parties for families with particular need They have built sand boxes and are raising money to buy materials for the Kindergarten Wendy House

In March 1971 the group sponsored a family dance with a band in attendance These affairs were an annual occasion for 10 years

In January 1973 hot lunches during the winter months were introduced Soup was donated by each family and hot dogs were prepared and sold at a nominal fee

James Brennan donated an oil painting which hangs in the main hallway in November 1970

Card parties held on a regular basis during the winter months provide working funds In 1982 Helen Mclachlan donated an oil painting as a prize draw at the final card party of the season

In 1984 Jack Towstine donated a wooden game table as a draw prize

The present executive includes President Shirley Sinclair Vice-President Cindy Crose Secretary Treasurer Linda Peters Hot dog convenor Marg Elliott Soup convenors Betty Elliott and Zdenka Barcauch

The playground equipment is well used by the junior pupils Parents helped install tires, posts etc. Some equipment was moved from the Natal schools some was purchased by funds raised by the pupils through chocolate bar and cheese sales

Tetherball and 4 square are played on the tarmac.

Village view coming into Shetland on the River Road. It has been called "Spruce Row" since the early 70 s. Mr T H Moorhouse planted the trees in 1914 the year he was married to Muriel (Dobbyn)

10 — Homes

MRS RAYLEENE OLIVER (mother of Lynn Wilcox) (part west half of lot 24 concession 3) — The house was built on the Ron Wilcox farm south of the laneway along County Road #8 It was designed and built by Ron Wilcox and a friend from London in the winter of 1981-82 Mrs Oliver moved into the house on December 12 1982 The home is 26 feet x 40 feet has a full basement large kitchen living room two bedrooms one bath and a laundry room It is electrically heated but a wood stove supplies most of the heat

LYNN AND RONALD WILCOX (part of west half and east half of lot 24 concession 3) — This 200 acres property was dee-ded to Arthur Bobier from the crown in 1848 under Colonel Talbot s jurisdiction It stated that rights to gold silver and white pine trees were excluded It seems that John Drew owned the south 100 acres in 1862 About 1896 the Wards owned the property and Alfred Pesha bought it sometime before 1903 The Gumo family lived there in the early 1900 s next the Jim Vosburg family rented it then the Jeffrey family moved in About 1964 John Smith purchased it from Mr

Fosbie. The Smith family was raised there and included Gordon, Donald, Rhea (Fay), Jane (Hay), Archie, Martin, Mary (Parsons) Maurice Homer and Janet (Millard). In 1951, Glen Wilcox purchased the farm and the Smiths moved to Tupperville. Leola and Glen lived there, with their family - Ron, Dennis and Carolyn (Willmore) until 1960 when they purchased a business in Chatham. In August 1960, Joan (Buschemeyer) and Norman Ellis rented the home until March 1962. Scott was born while they lived there, then they purchased lot 16, concession 3, where they still reside. Corrie and Bernie Bergsma lived in the house from March 1962 - 1964. Their family included Talbot, Peter, Patricia, Jim and Bill, who was born while they lived there. Bergsmas moved to the farm on the west half of lot 24 concession 5 which they had purchased in 1964 the Wilcox family built a new home east of the old house. It was a one story home with no basement. The main house is 28 feet wide and the double garage is 30 feet wide. The length totals 83 feet. Travis Bros. of Dresden were the builders. The home has a kitchen-dining area, living room, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a laundry and storage room. The house was electrically heated originally. Glen's son, Ronald purchased the farm in 1974. After Glen's death, Leola (Hawes) moved to Chatham. In 1982, Ron installed an insert in the fireplace and it is used mainly for heating now. In 1982, Ron married Lynn (Oliver). They are presently replacing the original woodwork with oak and a fountain adorns the front lawn. At one time there was a frame house and small barn on the property south of the present laneway. We believe it must have been torn down in the late 20's and there is no record of occupancy.

Old home on Wilcox farm

MAXINE AND TOM ELLIOTT. (part west half of lot 24 concession 3) — In 1953, lot 16 & 250 feet was purchased from Glen Wilcox on the east side of Lakeshore County Road 8. A well was drilled and good water was found about the 42 foot depth. In early 1954 a basement was excavated and after getting around some problems with water and sand construction was started on a three bedroom house with a basement. All local people did the wiring, plumbing and finishing. Mason Bailey and D. Brownlee were the main carpenters. Ira Brownlee did the wiring and plumbing. Maxine had Tom moved into the house in 1955. In 1963 an addition was built which included a family room, bedroom, bathroom and garage. Maxine (McLachlin) and Tom's family raised here includes Patricia (Osborne), Sue Anne (Northcott) of Chatham, Alex, Mary (Maidment) of Toronto, Ruth of London, Christine (Johnson), Blenheim.

MRS. MARY (CHARLES) ELLIOTT. (W. lot 24 concession 3) — This house was once a 2 story hotel built in Cairo by George Tanner. In 1866 the hotel was sold to Richard Whalen who was hotel

keeper until 1902. At one time it housed the Royal Bank and a shoe repair shop. In 1920 dances were sometimes held there. It was then made into apartments. John Huffman bought the building and the kitchen part was sold to Ernie Wallace who moved it away. That part later burned. Richard Whelan again purchased the hotel as a family residence and his son Jack remodelled it making it into a one story residence. Charles Graham bought it in 1946 and lived there until 1951. In August 1951 Harry and Ila Moorhouse bought the house and had Dave Steele of Newbury move it to Shetland to its present location. George Palmer helped put in tile around the basement and built cupboards and clothes closets. Harry and Ila moved into the house in 1952. Ila passed away in 1963. Harry in 1974. The house was sold to Elliott Bros. at the auction in March 1975. Robert and Catherine Osborne lived in the house when they married in 1976, until their new home was built in April 1979. In June 1979 Rick and Corinne Elliott moved in until Christmas 1980 when they moved to lot 21, concession 1.

Euphemia Mrs. Mary Elliott moved there in 1981 and still resides there.

AUDREY AND ALEX BOLTON (part west half lot 24 concession 3) — In 1940 Alex Bolton built a three bedroom brick house on a lot just south of the general store which he owned. The lumber was purchased from Moffat and Powell and allowed to dry for a year before it was used. A carpenter named Stephenson from Watford worked for $1.25 an hour plus his dinner and his two helpers received $1.00 an hour plus a meal. The house has a full basement, a single car garage and a forced air furnace. There are hardwood floors throughout and a full bath. A special feature at that time was a Thor automatic clothes washer, spin dryer and kitchen sink combination. It was in use for approximately 10 years. The house still sports the original roof made of Johns Manaville solid asbestos shingles with all copper valleys and flashings. Alex says it should last at least until the turn of the century. There are two Japanese walnut trees about 60 years old still alive on the property. These supposedly short-lived trees are 2 of 6 planted by George Palmer in the early 1930's. In 1967 a tree story barn was moved from the Mawhan farm, onto the property and converted into SAJA stables. Alex married Audrey (Webster) in 1950 and they have two daughters Shannon (Inglis) of Petrolia and Julie Faye (London) of Chatham.

BARBARA AND RONALD BECKETT (part of west lot 24 concession 3) — This house was built by Royal Badgley father of Leva Badgley who owned the store at one time. It was built in 1896 or 1897 that was called the Ward farm. It is not known if Mr. Badgley had a deed for the piece of property as he married Mrs. Ward that owned the farm. About 1903 Royal Badgley sold the house and lot to Alfred Pesha who had bought the farm some time before. The Badgley's went west to Strathroy. Peter Pesha Alfred's father moved into the house then he moved a small barn over from his farm on the third concession. He lived there with his wife and daughter until he was killed in a train accident at north Bothwell on his way home from Kent Bridge. His widow and daughter lived there until Mrs. Pesha died. The daughter left to live with relatives. The house was vacant for sometime until Tom Playfoot married Bessie Rush and he and his wife moved in. Tom worked for Leva Badgley in his blacksmith shop. About 1918 the library was moved to the house and Mrs. Playfoot was librarian

When the Playfoots left to start farming, the house was vacant. George Palmer rented it in 1921 and lived alone until he married Mary Jane Bolton, daughter of Dan an Bolton, later he bought the house and lot. In 1982, George bought the ½ acre to the south from Mrs. Lott Badgley and planted trees along the north side. In 1921, taxes on the property were $6.50; in 1967 they were $30.00 and in 1984, they were $432.00. George Palmer developed tuberculosis and spent a long time in the sanatorium in Lourdes. He died in 1961 at age 77. Mrs Palmer worked the same origin, so she could be with George as much as possible. Mrs Palmer sold the house and lot to Reverend and Mrs. J. D. Woolbatt in 1962, as he was retiring from the ministry. He was well-known in Shetland as he had ministered on the Florence charge for the past 5 years. Mrs Palmer moved to London where she died in 1965. While the Palmers owned it, George built the porch on the house and planted a number of trees and flowers. He sold part of his lot to Alex Bolton for Alex a new home. The Woolbatts moved to Wardsville in 1971, when they sold the property to Jim Beckett and his wife Barbara (Kocsis). The Beckett s have two children: Annette and Don. In 1978 a well was drilled on the property. In 1979 the kitchen was completely renovated and a third bedroom was finished on the second floor. The house was insulated, a new roof put on, and a new gas furnace has replaced the old oil furnace.

GORDON SMITH (west part of lot 25 concession 3) — In 1878 Richard Laird owned the property. He was a shoemaker and also had the post office in one end of his home. In 1912 George Bolton and his wife Agnes purchased it. They moved in with their eldest child Kathleen (Sinclair) for other children were born there: Stanley Harold Boyd, Doris (Doherty) Ola (Brown) and Mildred (Johnston). In 1926 the Boltons moved to the white house beside the store where Alex and Shirley (Ellis) were born. The old Bolton home was then vacant for a time. Edith (Crackwell) and Clark Hillis rented it for a while, and finally the house was sold to George Tacang and moved to lot 26, concession 3. A small garage type building remained, when Wm. Bolton purchased the lot. The little building was remodelled and a kitchen built on. Flossie (Bolston) and Charlie Bolton lived there in the early thirties. When the Boltons moved, Mrs. Ethel Robinson rented the home from 1943 to 1961. She was librarian, while she lived there. The Edward Drage family lived there for about 2 years, while their farm house was being renovated following a fire. Alvro Smith then moved in. The property from Underhill and the Wm. Playfoot family rented it in 1966-67. Gordon Smith now owns it. He and his family moved there about 1972. Gordon Jr., Monica and Sheila were raised there. Gordon remodelled the home adding a third bedroom, closing in a porch and installing a bathroom and utility room. Gordon is living there in 1985.

HELEN FRANGLEY (part lot 25, concession 3) — The first folk recorded living there were Alfred Moorhouse and his wife Elizabeth Armstrong. Their son Clarion was born there. While living there Alfred operated a cheese factory in the old frame school (south of the hall). The Moorhouses moved to S Dakota about 1880. Later Henry Moorhouse s parents Nathan and Emma (Benson) lived there, till they moved to a farm on the west side of the river. Ivie and Harry were born in that home. Then Alonzo Badgley and Edith (Ward) lived there. Altha, Albert and Keith (who drowned)

were born there. The Badgley family moved west to Manitoba. Next Levi Badgley and his wife Sarah (Wilson) purchased it. Verda Reta and Bene (who died as a child) were born there. George Bolton and his wife Agnes (Brown) bought it in 1926. They had lived in the house next door (which) previously where 7 children were born. Alex and Shirley Bolton were born in this house. George owned the store buying it from Badgley in 1926. In 1933 the store was destroyed by fire so for a short time Mr Bolton used part of this home for a store until a new store could be built on the original site. After George's death in 1945 Mr and Mrs James Coulter rented the house from Elliott Bros. who purchased the property that same year. In 1949 Russell Elliott renovated the house. It was replastered, new kitchen cupboards and bathroom were put in, floors tiled etc. Mildred (Lawson) and Russell raised their children, Robert and Catherine there until 1965 when they built a new home south of the school and moved there. At that time Russell Elliott traded his home for Earl Prangley's home (the red brick house north of the mill) and the red brick was torn down. The six Prangley children grew up in the house: Larry, Murray, Mary Jean (Hill) of Heidelberg, Ont., Gordon, George and William. In 1978 a garage and a breezeway in front of it were built. A Hadco well was also put down to get away from the sulphur water. In the fall of 1980, the house was insulated and in the spring of 1983 the veranda was closed in and the house sided with vinyl. A new cement floor was put in the breezeway and new sidewalks were installed in 1984. Mrs. Helen (Stewart) Prangley resides there now with sons, Larry and Gordon.

Old home on Tinney farm

ROBERT TINNEY (part of west half of lot 28 concession 8) — The first we know of the north 50 acres of the present farm is that Wm. McDiarmid was the owner. He sold it to Peter Drew the village blacksmith. When he died he left it to his daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. T.S. Moorhouse. In 1910 Thos. S. Moorhouse sold it to his son Thomas Henry Moorhouse. The south 50 acres belonged to Wm. Dobbyn first, and then to his son Joseph Dobbyn. The land on which the hall stands was purchased for $25.00 in 1895. Shetland village on the east side is built partly on this lot 25 and partly on lot 24 (now the Wilcox farm). In 1915 Alex Dobbyn bought the south 50 acres and 3 years later he sold it to his son-in-law T.H. Moorhouse. Mr. Moorhouse farmed the 97 acres until 1946. Wm. Dobbyn had built a fine red brick house on the south 50 in 1881. The barns were remodelled by Alex Dobbyn. The orchard was probably planted by T.H. Moorhouse and he piped water to the buildings from a well a ways back on the farm. A windmill pumps the water into a storage tank at the well site and it gravity feeds to another storage tank in the house. A pressure system takes over and supplies water to the home, barns and church hall. In 1946 Agnes (Dobbyn) and Cecil Tinney purchased the farm. Early in 1949 the brick barns burned and the Tinney family lived on the Duncan Gray farm for the better part of a year while the new brick barns was being built in 1949. The Tinney family includes Dorothy (Macaulay), Robert, Mary (McLean), Noreen (Wolfe), Rose and Edith (Tewsley). In 1972 Robert Tinney purchased the farm from his father Cecil. Mrs. Agnes Tinney died in 1980. Cecil remarried and moved to Bothwell in 1985. Robert resides on the farm now.

GLADYS AND HANK ROESCH (Part lot 24 concession 2) — Mr John Drew purchased 16¾ acres from Jane (Hopkins) Moorhouse He also owned the north 50 acres across from the church (Rinsey farm) and 100 acres the south part of the Wilcox farm now He farmed and worked as a black smith. Mrs Drew was the practical nurse for the pioneer families In 1898 John Drew had a farm sale and went west for a while to visit his son Wm who lived in Manitoba In the Drew s latter years Mr and Mrs T Moorhouse moved in to care for her parents Mr Drew died in 1904 and Mrs Drew in 1905 From 1906-14 Mr and Mrs Thos S Moorhouse lived in the white house south of the mill while the house was being renovated and made into two and a half story home The original Drew home was a one and a half story house with a veranda on three sides In 1914 the T S Moorhouses moved back and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary there When Thomas died in 1917 Clifford and Carrie Wilson bought the 16¾ acre property and lived with her mother till she died in 1924 The Wilsons owned property in Moss, living there in 1929 then returned to Shetland and owned the 150 acres across the river (where Jack and George Elliott are today) from 1929-1935 when the barn burned In 1941 the house was rented to the John Smith family Cliff died in 1952 and the property was sold to Douglas Dobbyn Carrie moved to Bothwell to live with her sister Mrs Palmer Eunice Dobbyn married Bob Fennell at Shetland United Church while her family lived in the village Following Mrs Dobbyn s death the property was sold to Henry Roesch in 1961 He owned Howes Economy Foods in Chatham later moving the business to Thamesville They sold the business in 1977 and for the past 4 years Hank has been superintendent of the Conservation Area park In 1967 an addition was added for a family room The addition was moved from the Duncan Gray farm In 1984 the Roeschs enlarged the downstairs bathroom Their family includes Barbara (Beckett) of Shetland Linda (Peters) of Florence and John of Hamilton

A mobile home was moved onto the H J Roesch property in 1909 The Roesch s daughter Linda and her husband Grant Peters lived there for four years Then it was moved to the May farm and Mrs Alfred May lived in it John and Barbara Roesch moved a mobile home onto the same site in 1976 They lived there one year Linda and Henry DeMaas moved a second mobile home on the property next to the Elliott s fertilizer warehouse in 1978 and lived there until 1977

ALEX AND PAT ELLIOTT (part of lot 24 concession 2 south side of the mill) — This home was built by Royal Sedgley and Bert Ward on a 16½ acre lot across from John Fleming on the road which run diagonally from Shetland to Florence Joseph

Dobbyn (Marchie)'s father) lived there till they moved to the house now owned by Brad Sharp. All the land, now owned by Ted Sharp was once owned by John Dobbyn, son of pioneer Richard Dobbyn. John built the grist and new mill on the river. In 1886, Alex Auld moved this house to its present location beside the mill. It was renovated and Alex, along with his family lived there. Milton Dobbyn bought it, put a basement under it and built a one story part on the back for a kitchen. In 1906 Thomas H. Moorhouse purchased the mill, house and property. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scarlet Moorhouse moved to Ont. On February 17, 1909 there was a double wedding in the house. Mary Ella born in 1884, married John Fletcher Wallis and Bertha May born 1886 married Wm. James Wright. Later the same year Mildred Jane born 1890 married Alexander Gideon Palmer. Early in 1914 T.S. Moorhouse and his wife Emily (Drew) moved to their own home which had been under renovation. Standing in a two and a half storey home. There they celebrated their 60th anniversary (the Roesch home now). Thomas H. and Muriel Eloise (Dobbyn) were married September 27 1918. They set up housekeeping in the red brick home on the farm across from the church (the Tanner home now) and the next year (1919) moved into the white house beside the mill and stayed until 1929. Thomas H. owned the farm across from the church having purchased the north 50 from his father in 1910, and the south 50 from his father in law in 1919 so he and Muriel moved into the farm house and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Alex Dobbyn moved into the house beside the mill. For years they boarded the teacher and had the pasture park at the school. Mr. Dobbyn grew strawberries and even a field of beans on his 15½ acres. When Mr. Dobbyn died his wife lived alone for several years. In 1946 Thomas H. and Muriel moved back to care for Mrs. Dobbyn. The old home was replastered, new cupboards and a bathroom were put in and floors inlaid. After Thomas H. died, Muriel lived there until she sold the property to Elliott Bros. in 1969. The house was then rented to the Alex Craig family for 3 years. Their family included Michael, Amanda and Johnathon, who as born while they lived there. When Robert Elliott married Bonnie (Brown) in 1973, they moved in. Jennifer was born while they lived there. Next Alex Elliott married Pat (Campbell) in 1980 and they are living there at present until their new home is built on the village outskirts.

ROBERT AND CATHERINE OSBORNE. (part lot 24, concession 2) — The home of Catherine (Elliott) and Robert Osborne stands on land transferred from Thomas H. and Russell C. Elliott in 1978, Robert and Catherine designed the house and professional plans were drawn up by Mr. Bob Fennell Newbury. In March 1978 prior to construction one of the large maple trees in the old school yard was cut down to make room for the house. The basement was dug and construction of the house started in September by builder Bruce Leitch of Glencoe. The electrical rock lath and wood work was done by Robert and Catherine with the help of family and friends. In February 1979 Meyer Bros. of Oakdale bricked it and the Osbornes moved into the home in April 1979. The home has a kitchen dining room family room 2 baths 3 bedrooms and a double garage. They have a son Russell Gordon Robert.

BONNIE AND ROBERT ELLIOTT (part lot 24 concession 2) — This property was originally the site of the one room school house S.S. #1 Euphemia built in 1878. After the Central school was built in 1965 the old school was used for storage by Elliott Bros. until 1979 when it was torn down. A brick rancher was built, just behind the original school site, by Bruce Leitch Glencoe in 1980. Plans were designed by Bonnie and Robert and drawn by Bob Fennell, Newbury. Much of the brick was cleaned by hand and used for two fireplaces one in the basement and one on the main floor. The house has a kitchen dining room living room three bedrooms three baths and a double garage. The couple have two daughters Jennifer and Breanne.

MILDRED AND RUSSELL ELLIOTT (part of lot 24 concession 2) — This home was built in 1965 on a lot south of the old school purchased from T H Moorhouse Building began in June with the digging of the basement By October Mildred (Lee nee) and Russell and their two children Robert and Catherine moved into the brick ranch home with attached garage They lived in the basement for a while and the interior finishing was completed by Christmas The home has a kitchen living room dining room 3 bedrooms 2 baths family room and laundry The landscaping was done in 1966

RUTH AND ROLAND DOBBYN (south part of E Lot 24 concession 2) — This house was purchased in Kent County in February 1969 and moved to its present site The lot was purchased from Russell Elliott in 1969 measuring 90 feet x 260 feet The garage was added and the house renovated in 1969 and 1970 Ruth and Roland moved in 1971 A shop and patio were added in 1976 The home has a living room kitchen dining area one bath and 2 bedrooms They also have a well kept garden area

SHETLAND POOL

On part of Lot 24 Concession 2 located behind the Russell Elliott house joint owners Tom and Russell Elliott began construction of a 20 by 40 foot concrete pool in August 1977 The sides of the pool were covered with ceramic tile and a pool house was built at the north end This building included change rooms sunk toilet shower filter and storage room.

In September sand was trucked from Alex Gray's farm to back fill around the pool In November an irrigation pump was borrowed to pump water from the Sydenham River to fill the pool before freeze up

A concrete patio 10 feet wide was poured around the pool in May 1978 The slopes outside the patio were seeded and patio slab walk ways were laid in an easterly and westerly direction A chain link fence was erected on the east south and west sides and a board fence erected on either side of the pool house to serve as a wind break

That fall it was drained to be painted the next year The second time it was filled with well water A solar cover conserves heat on cool summer nights and the winter cover protects it for the next season s usage It is a beehive of activity from May until Labour Day weekend for both young and old

ANSON AND DICKIE MOORHOUSE (part lot 24 concession 2) — The lot was purchased in 1973 from Elliott Bros Russell Carlyle and Thomas Robert The building contract was let to Robert Fennell of Fennell Lumber Newbury The carpet curtains and drapes were installed by Delaney Diamond of London A greenhouse was built on the south end of the double garage by Lord and Burnham of St Catharines The house consists of a main floor with living room dining area and kitchen two bedrooms and bath and a sub-floor with theatre-music room — and study laundry power and power work room store room and cold room beneath the concrete verandah The house is heated by electricity with occasional supplementary heat from an efficient fireplace in the living room. Since Anson s parents were born in the Shetland area, he selected this community for his retirement He moved into the new house in October 1973 and maintained a bachelor residence until September 1974 when he married Dickie (Jutsiko) Sada a colleague in Berkeley Studio Trees hedges and a fruitful garden were soon added to the lot

PETER AND TERESA BERGSMA (part lot 24 concession 2) — This home was built in 1977 on a lot purchased from Russell and Tom Elliott The cement block full basement and exterior brick work was done by Meyer Bros Masonry of Oakdale The framing wiring plumbing and plastering were contracted The remaining finishing and landscaping was done by Pete and Teresa The home has a kitchen dining room living room bath and 3 bedrooms upstairs downstairs is a family room, 1 bedroom and laundry The Bergsmas took up residence when they were married in September 1977 and are blessed with 4 children girls Michelle and Alana and boys Bradley and Bryon

PATRICIA AND BARRY OSBORNE (lot 24 concession 2) — This property was obtained from Thomas and Russell Elliott in 1975 Barry Alton Osborne and Patricia Louise (Elliott) built the home in 1976-77 and moved in August of 1977 The contractor was A Fennell and Sons The home has a living room dining room kitchen 2 baths 3 bedrooms a double garage and full basement The Osborne s have 2 children Jillian and Martin

SUE AND BRAD SHARP (Part lot 24 concession 2) — This property has been traced back to 1899 when a large frame cottage was owned by Jane and Richard Dobbyn In 1870 a quick claim deed listed it under the name Elmore P Ross In 1891 Jane Dobbyn sold it to Henry Gerrell In 1898 Joseph Dobbyn bought it and lived there till it was sold to Milton Dobbyn About 1906 Joseph Dykeman and family rented the house In 1909 Chris Wilson moved in In 1919 George Bolton purchased it and four months later sold it to William Bolton who moved there from his farm on the west half of lot 28 concession 3 Wm torn the cottage

down and constructed the present two story house in 1919-20 Their family included Billy Jr. Charles Ila (Dykeman) Myrtle (Showers) and Mildred (Shortt) Following Mr Bolton's death Emma lived there alone quite a few years Daughter Ila and husband Art Dykeman bought the house in 1960 and remodelled it Neal Sharp purchased the property in 1978 and married Sue Winkler the same year The home has been remodelled again and vinyl siding put on The root and fruit cellar from the 1868 original cottage is still used

JOHN AND MARION NEVILLE (formerly) (part lot 24 concession 2 — Records of 1867 show that the mill property 7 30/100 acres and the 4 6 acres containing the orchard and the little white cottage was sold to Wm Rockey The house was rented to DeMilles Mr DeMille worked at the mill and one of their daughters Theodora married Egerton Moor house in 1891 In 1902 the mill property was sold to Samuel Gray and the 4 6 acres containing the house was rented by Francis Sharp and family while they renovated the old mill house Then Chester Wilson lived there In 1905 the 4 6 acres was purchased by Francis Sharp from Wm Rockey Sometime around 1915 part of the east half of lot 23 concession 2 was purchased from the Puddicombe estate by John Fleming and his wife When the house on this property burned the little white cottage was moved to the Fleming farm on the road which ran diagonally from Shetland to Florence (it is now closed) The three Fleming children were raised there In 1945 Robert Fleming of Detroit became owner For a while Dan Leary his brother in law rented it In 1942 Clayton Sharp and his sons John and Currie bought the property They moved the house in 1944 to its present location on the river road Clayton and Pearl Sharp moved into the cottage in 1944 Mrs Sharp died in 1965 and Clayton lived there alone until 1975 when he moved to Bentley Haven Pat (Elliott) and Barry Osborne rented the home for one year and Jill was born while they lived there In 1977 Stuart and Cindy (Hamilton) Sharp moved in and lived there for two years January Sharp was born during that time In 1980 Emmie (Actor) and Ron Sharp moved in. They lived there three years and Marcie was born while they were there In 1984 Jane (King) and Darrell Sauer rented the home In 1985 their daughter Bethany was born and they moved near Petrolia John and Marion Neville are now living there A garage belonging to George Palmer and located by the mill was moved to a site beside the white cottage and is still used as a garage today

BONNIE AND RONALD SHARP (Part of lot 24 concession 2) — The property was crown land in the year 1831 and was sold by the Canada Company in 1832 to Robert Reed In 1846 Robert Reed sold 200 acres to John Dobbyn In 1851 John Dobbyn sold a piece of land 66 x 66 feet off N E corner of lot 24 concession 2 to the Trustees of S S #1 Euphemia (for the log school) In 1862 John Dobbyn sold 1 4/5 acre in N E part of lot 24 to John Drew (for a blacksmith shop) In 1863 the trustees sold the 1/10 acre in the gore to John Drew (presumably after the school burned) In 1868 the Court of Chancery deeded the land to Elmore F Rose (the principal mortgage holder By deed dated December 1877 registered as No 2850 Elmore F Ross conveyed 1¼ acres in lot 24 concession 2 to the trustees of school section No 1 In 1878 a brick school was erected on the southern edge of the village Elmore F Ross sold in 1878 to Elmore W Ross for $12 000 then a year later Elmore W Ross sold to Archibald Graham for $14 000 Previously

Old Mill House known as Bleek Hall

In 1870 seven acres had been sold to Jane Dobbyn by Elmore P Ross and 7 30/100 acres with all mill rights was sold to Alfred Stratton by A Graham in 1883 Mr Stratton lived in the mill house To 1887 thus 7 30/100 acre portion was again sold this time to Wm Rockey for $2 000 00 He was a grain buyer from Carman Manitoba The larger portion still owned by A Graham was sold to David Watson of Detroit for $12 100 00 in 1886 Then on 1902 Wm Rockey sold his acreage to Samuel Gray and the larger portion approximately 178 acres was put up for mortgage sale by Frederick Betts at Poynter's Hotel in the Town of Rathwell on Nov 21 1900 and purchased by Samuel Gray In 1904 both properties were purchased by Francis E Sharp of Aldborough township At that time Francis Sharp remodelled the Old Mill house known as Bleek Hall The twelve foot ceilings on the first floor were lowered to nine feet A winding walnut staircase led to a walkway walk on the roof The main floor had been used as a dining room and the upper floor was lined with bunks accomodating the grist mill workers Mr Sharp added a full second story to the square timber framed home bracked the exterior and added two small porches making it into a seven bedroom home In 1912 Francis sold the farm to his son Clayton Sharp who married Pearl Brownlee Their family was raised there John (Oakdale) Carrie (Courtright) Edward J (Shetland) and Helen (Watrous) of Fredericton N B John and Hazel (Jones) lived there from 1943 1947 and Murray was born there Carrie and Lorraine (Haskell) lived there from 1947 1951 and Brian Bonnie and Dennis (deceased) were born Maurie and Tom Elliott lived there from 1952 1956 and Patsy and Sue Anne were born An apartment upstairs was rented for a few years to Jenner Breen and then to John Didiocha Edward and Joyce (Arnold) Sharp moved into the home in 1958 They made extensive renovations to the home s interior and added a full width porch to the front Their four sons were raised there Stuart (Petrolia) Brad Ron and Jim Sharps moved to their new home in 1983 Ronald and Bonnie (Acton) moved into the home in 1983 with daughter Marcie and Holly has been born since Since the mill rights were still being sold in 1894 and the new mill in the village was in operation in 1896 we presume the river mill burned about 1896

JOYCE AND TED SHARP least half of lot 24 concession 2) — The farm was purchased from Ted s father Clayton in 1957 The family lived in the old brick farm home on til a new passive solar house was designed and constructed in 1982-83 Joyce and

Ted spent some time looking at plans for energy efficient homes in the U.S. before they finally settled on a design of their own, drawn up with the help of a Detroit architect. The house is set into the hill, facing south, the northern terminal deflecting the cold northwest winds over the house. It is heavily insulated with walls a R30 factor and ceilings of a R40 factor - both superior to normal standards. The key features are two superlites, one upstairs and one on the basement level - purchased 20 degrees east of south so their huge windows catch as much sunlight as possible all year long. Hot air from the porches is collected in ducts and directed to a gravel bed beneath the lower floor where it is stored until needed. When outside temperatures fall to the point where the porches no longer absorb heat they are closed off and the stored heat from the gravel bed is released through ducts. The main heating system is a water furnace. Heat for the system is collected in more than 1000 feet (304.8 m) of plastic pipe filled with a fluid containing some calcium chloride and buried below the frost line in the outside yard. The system works like a heat pump. The pipe collects heat in ground water and transports it to heat exchangers in the basement. Each floor consists of 1240 square feet of living space. The framing, cement work and plumbing were done by contractors. The rest of the house was completed by Ted and son Ron. Most of the inside trim is walnut, which came from Jessie's parents home farm at Troy, Ontario. The Sharps moved into the house in 1983 and find that the initial expenses of $6000-7000 spent on the solar heating system will soon pay for itself. In 1984 the cost of heating and air-conditioning for the year was $326.00. Landscaping is now being completed.

RED BRICK HOUSE (north of the mill) (demolished in 1965) — The first owner known was Andrew Ward. He was a store keeper. At that time it was a frame house. Later it was plastered over with cement on the outside and John Drew owned it. When the Drews died, it was willed to the granddaughters (T.S. Moorhouse's girls). When Alfred May married Jennie Moorhouse (Egerton's daughter) the Moorhouse girls signed off, to give it to Jennie and Alfred. Alfred spent a great deal of time and expense remodelling it, tearing off the cement and bricking the outside. Their children were Alfred Jr. and Mary (Glassmeyer). After Jennie died in 1917, the house was rented to Wm. and Bertha (Moorhouse) Wright, till they went west. Other renters were Thomas Green and Wm. Riddell. Edwards lived there in 1917 and '18, then Wm. Bolton and family lived there in 1919 and 1920, while their house was being built. Eva Dykeman lived in it for a while, while he worked in the black smith shop in the 20's. Mrs. George Brownlee purchased it and lived there till she died. Next Mrs. Timothy Bolsten bought it. She built a porch on it. When she died she willed it to a grandnephew Bruce Coutts, son of Doug Coutts. In 1966 it was sold to Helen and Earl Pringley, who lived there with their family until 1966 when they moved across the street to Russell Elliott's house. (The two properties were traded as the mill needed more space for expansion.) The red brick was torn down in 1965 and Earl Pringley used some of the material for his new home.

When Russell Elliott started to renovate the white house north of the store in 1940, Mr. James Coulter and recently become a widower, as his wife, Margaret died that year. In order to give him a home, Russell moved the 30 x 30 foot, back kitchen from the Charles Elliott farm into the village and it was situated north of the big house. Mr. Coulter died in 1955. The small house was then moved across the street and attached to the red brick house in the gore where the Earl Pringley family was living. In 1965 that house was torn down, so the small house was again moved. This time it went to Duncan Gray's farm and was used for raising baby chicks. In 1967 the building was purchased by Hank Roesch, moved back to Shetland and remodelled to become a lovely family room.

This house no longer sits on the edge of the ravine south of Shetland. It was demolished and burned in December 1984. The Quigley family owned the property when the house was built. Mr George George bought the property in 1906 when he married Beena (Dawe) Bilkie. George had one daughter Mary and three sons Edward, Ernest and Oliver. Bessie had four children Mabel, Mary, John and Jim. Jim and Mary Bilkie started attending Shetland school in 1906. All three George boys went out west but Oliver returned and bought the George homestead when his father died. Oliver and his wife Ella lived there after the farm was sold to Elliott Bros. Alex Elliott has purchased a lot on the property to build a new home in the near future.

JESSIE AND OWEN DOBBYN — The first home on the Dobbyn property lot 26 concession 2 was a log dwelling and replaced with a cottage located back of the present house. This home was built in 1882. The farm has been in the Dobbyn name for five generations: Richard, James, James Roland and Owen.

The Dobbyn home in the early 1900's

At one time there were five houses built in Eupheusa, all off the same plan. Four were originally built by Moorhouses and one by a Stevens. They were located where Ray Moorhouse, George Elliott, Robert Annett and Marguerite Bilkie live in 1985 and the fifth was on the north side of the river past the Mawlam farm on the river road. Each house had a central hall with 4 large rooms on either side and back of that were 4 small bedrooms. They were originally heated with 2 fireplaces. The timbers in the framework were hand hewn showing the marks of the broad axe. Most of the wood work was white wood with the stair treads and rails made of walnut. There were no closets but a board on the wall as high as the top of the door made a convenient place for hooks. The door knobs were brass. The houses had hand split lath, which was made by taking a thin board and splitting it almost to the end in narrow strips. These were then fitted together to make a base for plaster.

This Powell home is still in use. George Elliott lives there in 1985. The photo taken in 1904 shows Minerva, Lettie, Anna and Mrs. John Powell.

This house one of the original five is owned by Mrs Marguerite (James) Blake It was built to face the river so it is parallel with the hill and on an angle with the road An old drum was found to be made of bricks Two parallel lines of bricks were placed end to end on a clay base with a third line of bricks placed on top This made a passage for the water In 1977 an old well was discovered It was a dug well lined with layers of flint stone still in perfect condition The tiny panes of window glass were replaced with larger panes in 1966 and the upper story of the house was finished The siding on the house was replaced a back porch was added and electricity installed After Jas Dobbyn bought it in 1939 James Blake purchased the property in 1943 A garage was built and in 1976 an oil furnace was put in

John Drage was born and raised on Lot 27, concession 2, Euphemia township, living there from 1930 until 1981 when he sold the farm and moved to Reece s Corners. He and his wife Peggy now operate an Antique and Craft Boutique called "Studio Seven". John has had many poems published and shares this one about "Shetland.

SHETLAND

The people of Shetla od make its fame
Add to the glory of its name
They spread the story of its fame
Over all the earth.
Their help is sought in any game
Well known their worth.

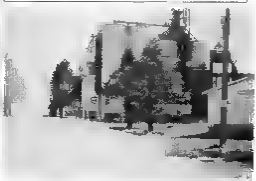
Watch you the lad that s Shetland bred
On Shetland beef and potatoes fed
The earth resoundeth to thau tread
Where ever they trot
They ll be a winner far ahead.
More times than n ot

There s few can match a Shetland lass
For beauty brains or physical prowess
What ever there may come to pass
They re sure to suit
You ll see they re of a higher class
At any pursuit

Now you have of these verses read
It must be plainly understood
Shetland folk have no swelled head
Are loath to brag
But when the truth is clearly said
No need to brag

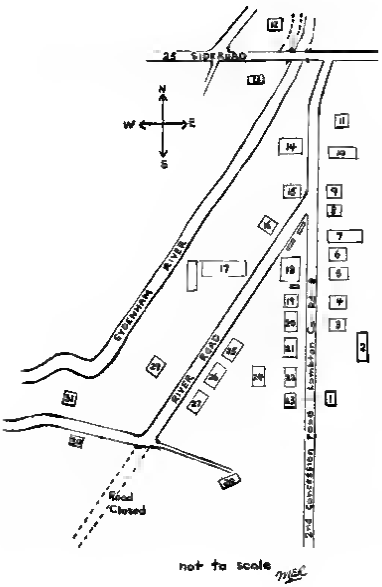
John Drage

Past and Present



Sketch of Village Layout — 1985

1 — Mrs F. Oliver
2 — Ronald Wilcox
3 — Tom Elliott
4 — Mrs C. Elliott
5 — Ron Beckett
6 — Alex Bolton
7 — Store
8 — Mrs E. Frangley
9 — Gordon Smith
10 — Hall
11 — Robert Tinney
12 — Owen Dobbyn
13 — Mrs J. Blake
14 — Church
15 — Library
16 — Hank Roesch
17 — Mill Warehouses
18 — Mill
19 — Alex Elliott
20 — Robert Osborne
21 — Robert Elliott
22 — Russell Elliott
23 — Roland Dobbyn
24 — Pool
25 — Peter Bergsma
26 — Barry Osborne
27 — Anson Moorhouse
28 — Ted Sharp
29 — Reed Sharp
30 — John Neville
31 — Ronald Sharp



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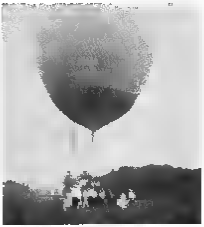


In 1930, four Michigan men taking a pleasure ride in a balloon, run into difficulty as they passed over Shetland. John Woodwiss and Levi Eadgley went to their rescue and they landed without mishap.

Levi Eadgley owned a 1910 I H C chain driven, single cylinder auto wagon with hard rubber tires which he used to haul freight from the rail roads to Shetland. This was probably the first truck used in Euphemia township.

George Palmer owned this car

The Powell, Bobbyn, Moorhouse and Coulter children rode in this democrat with Reverend Amos E. and Minnie (Powell) Moorhouse in 1915. Standing is Mrs. Robert Moorhouse and Nellie Coulter (daughter).

The men (older and younger) and young ladies have got on breakfasts over the years as a fund raising and socialising project. The menu in March 1985 was oatmeal or 7 grain cereal porridge grits Spanish omelette toast juice and coffee all you can eat for a donation!! Shetland chefs – Left to right Bob Osborne Robert Elliott Tom Elliott, Barry Osborne Alex Elliott Lloyd May in 1975

For medical services you have to go to Enkwell Newbury Thatcherville or Chatham to see a doctor As early as 1864 there was a doctor in Florence Dr J R Sussex was the last doctor to practise there He moved to Chatham in 1971 Since 1967 we have been fortunate to have a 46 bed Four Counties General Hospital at Newbury

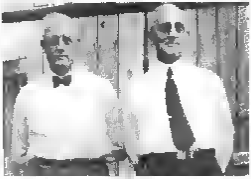
A Shetland girl competed for Florence Fair queen each year sponsored by the Shetland W I

These maids set the tables Carol Johnston and Joy Moorhouse

Jack Burghardt of London was an anniversary speaker

Reverend Harold Moorhouse now of Greenville Illinois is a retired Free Methodist pastor who grew up in the Shetland area.

Elsie Palmer became a deaconess in a branch of the nursing profession



Reverend J Clayton Moorhouse and h s twin Reverend Anson E Moorhouse born in Shetland in 1871 were ordained ministers

Mrs Clifton Wilson (Carrie Moorhouse) was the local historian and lived until 1981 in her 104th year

We have an expert cake decorator in our midst Mrs Evelyn (Wm) Playfoot.

Six wardens have lived in Euphemia Township — Edwin D Kerby from Florence 1861-1862 Wm J Davis from Shetland 1922 Roy Downie from Cairo 1936 now of Newbury Donald Elliott from Shetland 1962 Cecil Tansey from Shetland 1968 now of Bothwell Orville Coe from Aberfeldy 1965 now of Alvinston

There were numerous little churches surrounding Shetland by the 1850's and later. The Anglican church in Florence dates from 1845. Later there was a Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist and Free Methodist church. Wesley Methodist church was located on Lot 28, concession 6 from 1879-1916. There was a Methodist church at Armstrong also. The Free Methodists had churches or meeting places at Aughrim, Ousley, Croton, Wabash, Oakdale, etc.

Oil was discovered in the Shetland district in the late 1800's on Alex Dobbyn's river flats (now owned by T. Lawson). Nathan Moorhouse (now owned by Gerhard Esch) and Sam Turtle's (now owned by T. Lawson) on the west side of the river. On the east side of the river there were wells on the Lewis Smith property (now owned by Keith and Norman Elliott), John Munro property (now owned by Grays), the original Samuel Smith farm and the Robert Moorhouse farm (now owned by Robert Annett).

BAPTISM 1954 — Left: Rev. S. Milner. Leola and Glen. W. Ieon and Dennis. Betty and Roy Dobbyn and Dianne. Mildred and Russell Elliott and Catherine. Helen and Earl Prangley and Gordon. Maxine and Tom Elliott and SueAnne. Joyce and Edward Sharp and Stuart.

SPECIAL BAPTISMAL SERVICE — A meaningful infant baptismal service was conducted in 1978 by Dr. A. Moorhouse and Mr. Jake Geubrecht in the presence of a large congregation. Left to right — Leon and Verna Esch with Julie Katherine. Robert and Anna May Aldous with Eric Scott. Gordon and Elaine McAuslan with Richard Gordon Ellsworth. Eric and Diane Nystrom with Jennifer Lee. Robert and Bonnie Elliott with Jennifer June. Ken and Carolann Cowell with Daniel Robert.

On Mother's Day Sunday May 12 1985 these six babies were baptized at the 11 30 service Left to right Corinne and Rick Elliott and daughter Danielle Marie Betty and William Playfoot and son William Thomas Karen and Joe Elliott and daughter Brandie Mae Patty and Chris Moorhouse and daughter Cassandra Leah Christine and Ken Johnson and son Justin William Jane Elliott and daughter Mary Catherine Absent when the photo was taken was Charles Elliott Standing at is Rev Eric Hodson who officiated at the special service

Frances Nakawatase a young Cree Indian gave readings of Pauline Johnson s poems in Shetland church in 1923 She stayed with Mrs John Powell.

The first telephone was installed in Shetland in 1905 and was connected with the Bothwell phone company A switch in the store connected the Bothwell and Inwood lines

At one time it was hoped a spur of the C N R would be brought to Shetland so the land back and south of the old school was surveyed into city lots

The closest banking services are Bank of Montreal in Bothwell, Thamesville or Inwood and Royal Bank in Newbury Some people go as far as Dresden or Chatham Until 1934 there was a Royal Bank Branch in Florence

MR. ALEX DOBBYN — In his retirement years he continued to be a great gardener After moving from his farm into Shetland he grew strawberries and raspberries for sale

LARGE GROUP RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP OF SHETLAND UNITED CHURCH — A large congregation welcomed thirteen new members to their membership roll on Mother's Day or Family Sunday May 9 1976 Each received a copy of the New Testament 'Good News for Modern Man' his certificate of Membership and acknowledgement by the Clerk of Session Roland Debbyn This is thought to be one of the largest if not the largest group to join in the history of the Shetland Church Back left to right Norman McAuslan Greg Playfoot Stanley Johnston, Scott Elliott Craig Moothouse Mark Ross Front left to right Carol Johnston Mrs Florence Johnston Catherine Ross Mary Jane Elliott Christine Elliott Margaret Ann Gray Terry Acton

We have an artist Barbara Perrin who has a home and studio on the old Ousley school site

The Dave Fyers put on a Blue Grass concert at Shetland Hall sponsored by the Lambton County South Western Library System

This musical group The Country Rovers provided music for the family dance held at the school in March 1978 (left) Verna Alexander R R 2 Florence (centre) Allan Yacks Florence (right) Jack Sullivan Bothwell (front) Bill McCutcheon R R 2 Florence

The total population of the village of Shetland as of June 1966 is 46

For everything there is a season and
a time for every matter under Heaven
a time to be born and a time to die
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to break down and a time to build up
a time to weep and a time to laugh
a time to mourn and a time to dance
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing
a time to seek and a time to lose
a time to keep and a time to cast away
a time to rend and a time to sew
a time to keep silence and a time to speak
a time to love, and a time to hate
a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3 1-9

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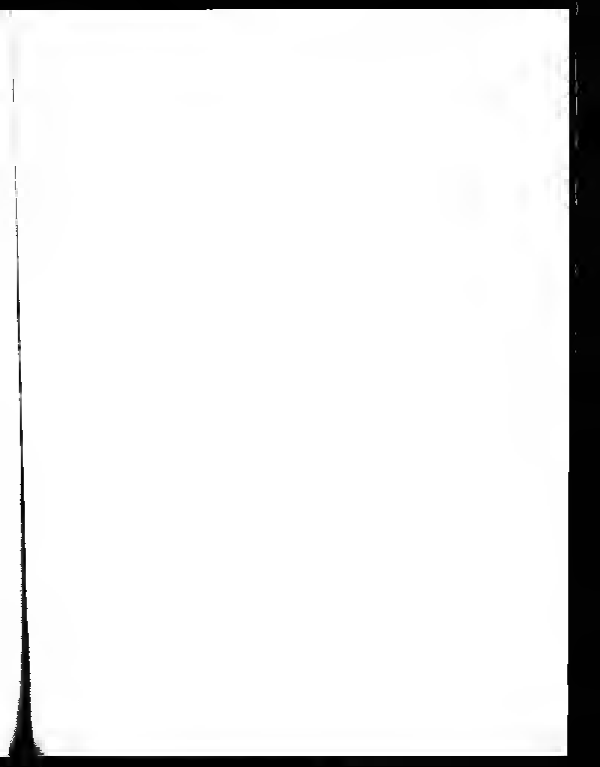

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Foreword

As the days of yesteryear unfold, we realize our forefathers built into our society a stability, consistency and endurance to survive. They not only had a faith in their God but a faith in their fellowman. Regardless of our different lifestyle today, the needs of the human race remain the same. Let us continue to build those things that are intangible, so we too, can leave an inheritance for the future generations.

THE BOOK COMMITTEE — Standing left to right: Rev. A.C. Moorhouse, Lloyd May, Fred Fansher. Seated: Tom Elliott, Joyce Sharp.

(Mrs.) Mary E. Ross . . .

Mary (Crawford) Ross was born near Ridgetown, Ont. and after attending the Ridgetown schools graduated from London Normal School in 1953. She taught in Zone and Euphemia and presently serves as a supply teacher and private tutor. She, her husband Victor and their three children resided in the Shetland community until 1977, when they moved to Glencoe, Ontario. Mary is a free lance reporter and photographer for a local paper, and as well she is quite involved in church and community affairs.

I deem it an honour to have been asked by the Shetland Book Committee to research, compile and write about the facts, the colour and changing patterns within their community, over 150 years. It has been an arduous, but interesting task and I owe a sincere dept of gratitude to the committee members and numerous others in the area, who have gathered materials, answered questions, lent photos, proof read copy and assisted in any way.

We are fully aware that there will be errors and omissions in the material gathered for they were derived from a number of sources and as non-professionals, we have attempted to be as accurate as possible.

I hope you will enjoy reading my kaleidoscopic views of life in a rural community.

Mary E Ross

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Dawn, Mark, Carl and Lyn
Jill and Eric

The Hudson Family

For four years now I have been pastor to the Shetland Church which comprises part of the Oak dale Pastoral Charge Perhaps it would be more correct to say that my wife and four children have ministered with me as they have had much to con tribute This was our first experience of a Cana dian farming community having crossed the ocean from England but ten years previously I mention this because England has no rural areas left that can compare with the Shetland area In Europe the country man is a dying breed as city boundary meets city boundary and city dwellers take over the dwellings made redundant by mechanization How fortunate we are to have villages such as Shetland where countrymen abound and where time is wil lingly given to neighbours and the commun ity To a townie like myself I am often lost when it comes to farm prices and agricultural methods but nobody just nobody can misunderstand the warmth and vitality of this people If one cannot find a wel come in Shetland then I guess the fault must lie within one s self Another strength emanating from Shetland is the strong family ties and loyalties Shetland has so many qualities which city sociolo gists and churches are trying to reproduce not least a sense of belonging we have this in abundance As a Christian I believe that many of these qual ities come to us as we worship and seek to serve Jesus Christ He is the author of compassion love and family Our forefathers made this com munity possible through the vitality of their faith Lets pray that the Lord enables us to hand on to our children a Shetland in no way depleted but strong in the qualities that make this village a delight to be part of Yesterday I read this verse of scripture and offer it as a conclusion

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places surely I have a delightful inheritance

Psalm 16 6 (N I V)

Eric Hudson
Pastor

1 — Early Community History

The worth of a community is measured not by the topography and natural resources of the area, but by the people - their attitudes to life, to their neighbours, to their heritage and their determination to make the place where they live a community in the true sense of the word - a fellowship of common interests and aims

This is the story of Shetland - a community seeking to uphold the example set by those who pioneered the settlement and the growth of a centre of worship which had its beginning one hundred and fifty years ago (Taken from thesis writ on by Betty (D.-ege) Lambert 1951)

EARLY BEGINNINGS

A picturesque stream meandered through a wooded wilderness area where the forest consisted mostly of maple and elm with a good sampling of oak hickory and beech Except for some tamarack in swampland and some white pine few evergreens were originally in the area Basswood chestnut white and black ash and walnut were growing along the streams The only inhabitants were the native Indians belonging to the Chippewa Nation encamped by the waterways in the region The stream possessed the name ' Bear Creek ' named after the chief of an Indian tribe living in the area

At that time all of the land was part of the District of Hesse proclaimed by Lord Dorchester on 24 July 1788 Colonel John Graves Simcoe by proclamation on 16 July 1792 divided the province of Upper Canada into nineteen counties and the name was changed to the Western District

Samuel Smith a native of Ancaster Upper Canada made the first township survey in 1822 Smith a volunteer in the War of 1812 and a traditional loyalist came into contact with Colonel Mahlon Burwell M P a noted engineer and surveyor Burwell had received a post-war contract to survey a number of townships, so he sublet the survey to Smith

The survey extended from the Thames River to the present south limit of Brooke Township The concessions were numbered east to west and the lots north to south

The first fourteen ranges of lots were reserved by the government for the use of the Delaware Indians brought to Upper Canada in 1792 by the Moravian missionaries Since October 1813 they had been homeless after the Americans burned their villages on the Thames The territory was referred to as ' Indian Zone ' from which came the name Zone township

As the province was inhabited and possessed by native Indians it is interesting to know how their rights were surrendered

Treaty Number 21 was made on 9 March 1819 between John Aiken on behalf of His Majesty and one Tumago and others chiefs and principal men of the Chippewa nation of Indians These Indians inhabited or claimed that tract of land which includes the present townships of Lobo Caradoc Ekfrid and Mosa in Middlesex County and Sombra Dawn Euphemia and part of Brooke and Enniskillen in Lambton County It was agreed that the Indians would surrender this land over half a million acres for a consideration of six hundred pounds, province currency yearly — one-half in specie and the other half in goods at the Montreal price

This was followed by a further provisional agreement Treaty Number 280½ which was dated 9 May 1820 It was made at Amherstburg between John Ironside Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs and the said Tumago and others Under this treaty it was agreed that $10 in goods at the Montreal price was to be paid yearly to every man woman and child and to their posterity forever provided that the number of annuitants

did not exceed 240, which was the number of persons then composing the nation inhabitating and claiming the said tract of land. There was reserved a parcel of land containing 15 360 acres which was apparently in Caradoc Township, and also a tract "two miles square distant four miles above the rapids which are near the source of Big Bear Creek nearly parallel to Moravian Village", which would seem to be in the townships of Euphemia and Dawn.

The two treaties mentioned above were followed by Treaty Number 25, dated 8 July, 1822 wherein it was agreed that in consideration of an annuity of 2 10 0 lbs. to be paid in merchandise at the Montreal price to each man, woman and child of the Chippawa Nation of Indians and to their posterity, the lands were released. It is interesting to note that Canada did not compensate the Indians for this large tract of land - the Indian Reserve at Bear Creek 5120 acres - until 1849 at which time much of it had been settled and many patents issued. The compensation paid to the Indians for the whole of the Bear Creek Reserve was 1,966 13.4 lbs. and was placed to their credit in 1849. The Bear Creek Indians had joined those of Caradoc in 1831. Samuel Smith, the surveyor camped all night with his survey party at this Indian village on 26 May, 1821.

(The Moorhouses by E. Moorhouse, page 85)

Extracts from the diaries and field notes of Samuel Smith show that the Indians played a part in surveying the area.

Thursday, 24 May, 1821

I continued in the afternoon. I measured across twelve lots to Bear Creek and sent two men down Bear Creek to fetch up the canoe that I got taken out. Thomas Mills cut his ankle very badly. I took the variation of the compass and found it to be three degrees east.

Friday, 25 May, 1821

I sent H. Holmes to River Thames after a horse to take T. Mills home. Continued my line with much difficulty a crossing Bear Creek. Sent J. Quart up the creek with a canoe to the rapids. He could not proceed any farther. I sent him and another man. They undertook to go up the rapids and upset the canoe and lost an axe. They landed the canoe half a mile across a bend of the creek. I sent them back to hunt the axe. They found the axe in the rapids of the creek. I continued and measured across eight lots and returned to the camp at dark.

Saturday, 26 May, 1821

We marched down the river to the Indian Village and camped all night. Our provisions was run out and we had no supper.

Monday, 28 May, 1821

We encamped at an Indian sugar camp.

Tuesday, 29 May, 1821

Clear day. Arrived at twelve o clock midday. I sent the men down the river to Joshua Cornwall's. I went up to the Moraviantown to get an Indian to go out with me but they were busy planting corn. I got 12 pounds of sugar and returned to Cornwall's at dark. I eat mush and milk for supper. Went to the barn to sleep.

Sunday, 3 June, 1821

We all shaved and put on clean clothes, and I continued my line across six lots. Night came on. I could not run to Bear Creek but we went about ten chains. Encamped at Bear Creek in the evening. An Indian came espying around a piece of the camp. We thought they had mischief in their heads as they said the surveyors should not survey the land. We went about four chains off the camp and slept.

Monday, 4 June, 1821

We got up and went to the creek to get the canoe up. They went to the Indian camp. There was twelve in number. They brought up the canoe and I continued my line to the creek. In crossing Mr. Holmes and T. Stewart and I. Craggie upset the canoe and fell in the creek. H. Holmes swam to shore. The others held to the canoe and got to shore. An Indian canoe came up with three Indians in and I crossed and proceed with the line to the next corner. T. Stewart lost the marking iron. We hunted a long time for it, cound not find it. We got across four lots.

Friday, 15 June, 1821

The devil got in the Indians and left me through the pretence of being sick.

Saturday, 16 June, 1821

Made camp—had peas for supper.

Sunday, 17 June, 1821

I read ten chapters of Matthew, and copied my field notes.

Tuesday 26 June 1821

I went to big bend (on the Thames) after tobacco. Got none. Returned to Ward s (Wardsville) eat breakfast. Went to Fleming s got one and three quarters pounds of tobacco for the men. Returned to the Moravianstown and eat dinner with the priest. Then went down to Johnson"s. Abraham Holmes had fetched up a barrel of flour. I calculated the variation of the compass in the evening.

Sunday 8 July 1821

We shaved our beards off, eat dinner, and run two lots in the afternoon. (The diaries of Samuel Smith - "The Moorhouses" pg. 92, 93)

In 1824 the disposition of land was given to Colonel Talbot. He had been granted 5000 acres of land in 1803, because of his military rank. For every settler he established on 100 acres of his own land he received 200 additional acres. Talbot was a capable colonizer who required an oath of allegiance to Great Britain from prospective landowners and granted no deed until the land had been occupied five years.

Talbot s map of Zone indicates clearly his practise of inserting the names of settlers on his map in lead pencil, so they might easily be erased. Being an eccentric, he might remove an immigrant s name from his map, if his political views differed, or he would place those whom he liked the least, as far away from himself as possible and in the worst locations. Talbot did, however, reserve every seventh lot for the Clergy Reserve, as was done in all Upper Canada until 1826. He also had each resident maintain a road in front of his property.

Statute labour, which was introduced about 1819 and continued until recent times, took care of local roads to some extent. The Statute Labour Act was a provision for the building and upkeep of roads. Each ratepayer was obliged to give the number of days of work for such purposes which was determined by the total amount for which he was assessed. It was the duty of the overseer to warn the ratepayer out to work and to direct and superintend the work. Each overseer had about three miles of road under his care. He was required to live in the area subject to his charge.

Little thought is now given to the many days of faithful service performed by our forebears in providing a foundation for the splendid highways we now enjoy.

By 1838 Colonel Talbot held 48,620 acres of land.

The first pioneers of Upper Canada settled along the waterways where suitable land was accessible. The ground along the inland rivers was higher than that further inland. Drainage facilitated cultivation and assured a degree of freedom from malaria and similar illnesses. Being close to water, it was easier to secure supplies and market produce, since the only other routes of travel were Indian trails through a heavily timbered wilderness. The woods teemed with deer, wild pigeon, wild turkey, wolves and fox. Bears were encountered occasionally and although destructive, once killed were edible. The streams provided good fishing.

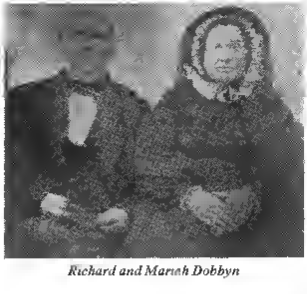
The first actual settler in Euphemia was David Fanchar. He was of French Huguenot extraction, his ancestors having settled in New York state in early colonial days. In the spring of 1824 David, his wife Elizabeth and ten children decided to move westward. They travelled overland from Hamilton to the Thames River and rafted their possessions 50-60 miles downstream to a site now called Thamesville. The men blazed a trail to Johnston s Corners (Croton) then followed Bear Creek (Sydenham River) to a place (Florence) where a spring fed creek empties into the river. This creek was followed about three miles in an easterly direction where they selected a site to build their log home. The stream and Indian trail both bear the Fansher name (as it is spelled today).

Later the same spring Richard Dobbyn, Thomas Moorhouse and John and Gregory Bobier settled on Bear Creek, between two and three miles above the present Florence.

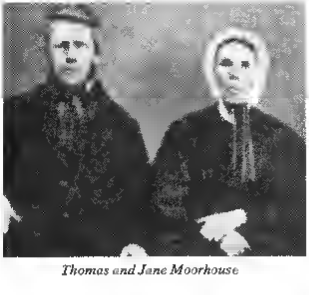
Richard Dobbyn was educated in Dublin, Ireland and taught school for a time. In April 1815 he married Mariah Bobier. They emigrated to Canada via New York to Tyrconnell and then to Zone where they settled on Lot 26, concession 2. Richard and Maria had 13 children - 6 sons and 3 daughters lived to adult age.

Thomas Moorhouse and his wife Jane (Hopkins) came to Canada from their native Ireland in 1824 and homesteaded on lot 25, concession 2 in Zone - just west of the hamlet (Shetland). They brought eleven children with them, but little 3 year old Maria drowned at Port Stanley shortly after their

PIONEER LANDS ON BURWELL'S COMMISSIONED SURVEY



Richard and Mariah Dobbyn

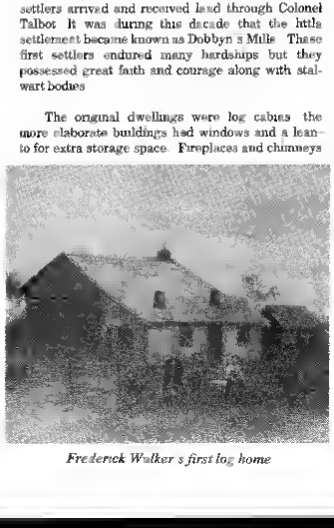


Thomas and Jane Moorhouse

arrival

During the next ten years numerous other settlers arrived and received land through Colonel Talbot. It was during this decade that the little settlement became known as Dobbyn's Mills. These first settlers endured many hardships but they possessed great faith and courage along with stalwart bodies.

The original dwellings were log cabins, the more elaborate buildings had windows and a lean-to for extra storage space. Fireplaces and chimneys were fashioned of crossed sticks plastered with mortar made of pounded clay. If there were floors, they were hewn basswood logs. The hay-racks, scythes, sneaths, cradles, harrows and sleds were all homemade, or made by a more skilled pioneer neighbour, and paid for with a work exchange. Pitchforks were made of iron-wood or water beech crotches - there might have been one iron fork in the community, used by all to "top-off" their stacks of grain or hay. Co-operation was vital in these pioneer communities, as a settler was able to accomplish the large projects which he could not handle by himself by means of the neighbourhood "bee". If a pioneer owned a yoke of oxen, a logging chain, a wooden plough or nine harrow teeth of 1½ inch iron, he would indeed be considered rich.



Frederick Walker's first log home

To get provisions, a man would walk 30 miles on wooded trails to Chatham and carry home 50 lbs. of flour and other necessities, or a couple of men might row a boat loaded with 60 bushels of grain down Bear Creek and go to Detroit by way of Lake St. Clair to bring home flour and supplies.

As more and more land was cleared and settled, property boundaries became a definite problem. The original surveys rarely marked anything more than the frontal limits of a property - often on the road allowance - and left other boundaries to be marked by the settler himself. As settled regions became more populous, disputes inevitably arose over boundaries between neighbouring farms. Disagreements over the proper location of fences some-

Clifton Wilson using a scythe

times lasted for years So many disputes of this kind occurred in Upper Canada that, in 1834, an act was passed establishing the official position of fenceviewer ' According to the act, these officials were "fit and discreet persons" appointed to investigate boundary disputes and to determine how and where fences should be built They often also decided the quality and the type of fence to be used and even the date by which it had to be erected Fence viewers also possessed authority to determine the positioning and construction of drains They were usually paid two dollars a day which considering the power and the responsibility they held was a small sum even for those days

An extract from the minutes of the Western District Council for the year 1847 stated On February 5 1847 Joseph Moorhouse asked leave to present his motion ' Fence Viewers for Zone were Wm Moorhouse Edward Tully Francis Cox and Richard Fancher

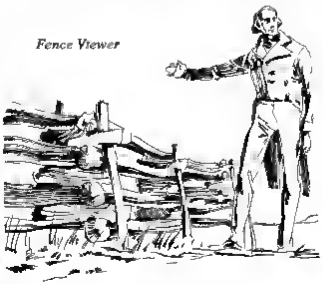
By 1835 Samuel Smith partially abandoned his profession as surveyor and located on Lot 27 concession 4 where he owned 600 acres in a block subsequently securing title to nearly 2000 acres in the township He saw active service with the militia, during the Rebellion of 1837-38 and later represented Zone in the council of the Western District Seeing possibilities in the use of water power Smith erected a grist mill to grind wheat into flour, a sawmill to cut lumber a turning mill to run a lathe to make such items as chair legs a water-powered fulling mill where fleeces were pressed between rollers and cleaned with soap and fuller's earth and a carding mill whare fleeces were combed and untangled The outcrop of rock in the area led to the opening of a quarry from which building stone was procured ' The picturesque spot still bears the name " Smith's Falls " Samuel was active till 1852 He died September 18 1857 at age 62 and is buried in Euphemia Township

In 1848 the north part of Zone became the township of Euphemia. The name was given by the Honourable Malcolm Cameron, Member of Parliament for Kent and Lambton in honour of his mother Mrs Euphemia Cameron In 1849 the districts were abolished and Kent and Lambton were formed as provisional counties This is the first time the name Lambton officially appears as a county

Prior to this it was stated that the first town meeting was held in the log church in 1836 and the first District Councillor Andrew Ward was elected In the early 1840's Joseph Moorhouse was a member of District Council for the Western District and also the first representative to the District Council from Euphemia after 1848.

Euphemia had a measure of self government quite early The first council elected after the Municipal Institutions Act took office in 1850 The reeve was Richard Dobbyn clerk William Clements and assessor William Armstrong

Fence Viewer

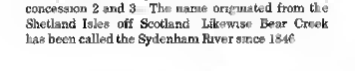


Welfare assistance did not come easily in the 1860's according to Euphemia Township bylaw No. 39 of May 9, 1868 passed with John Dobbyn as reeve and William Dobbyn as clerk. It provided that there should be no aid for indigents unless their application is accompanied by a letter signed by twelve ratepayers who reside in the immediate neighbourhood saying that it is absolutely necessary that aid be granted.

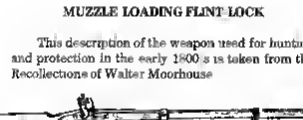
The early pioneer place names in which the word "Mills" appears testifies to the fact that one of the early pioneer industries was the grist mill. Thus, the little hamlet on the river was known as Dobbyn Mills until May 1, 1865, when the name "Shetland" was applied by the post office department, to an office opened in the hamlet on lot 25, concession 2 and 3. The name originated from the Shetland Isles off Scotland. Likewise Bear Creek has been called the Sydenham River since 1846.

MUZZLE LOADING FLINT LOCK

This description of the weapon used for hunting and protection in the early 1800's is taken from the Recollections of Walter Moorhouse.



Military Type Flintlock Musket



Powder Horn

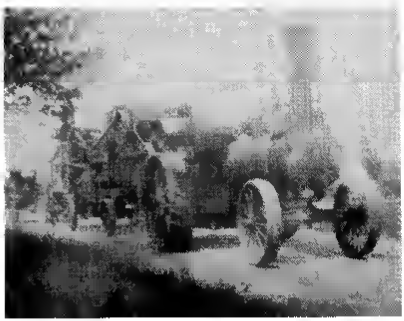
The ancient gun hung over the door of the kitchen, when I was a lad. It had been a muzzle-loading flint-lock that is, the powder and shot were carried, not in ready charged shells but in horns - cattle horns - slung from the shoulder. The cap of each horn served to measure the amount of powder and shot to be rammed into the open end of the gun, with proper wadding to keep it in place. A ram-rod was attached to the gun for this purpose. Thus loaded, the gun was set off by a spark from a flint struck by a trigger and set over a small pan of powder that was led by a duct (filled with powder) down to the powder in the barrel. If the burning powder reached there, there was the explosion and the discharge of the shot. The phrase "A flash in the pan" (expressing futility) came from misfire in the old flintlock: the powder in the outer pan went off provokingly with a puff that did not reach the lethal load in the barrel. But when I came on the scene in the 1880's the unreliable flintlock had been made over into a "cap" gun. The powder and shot were measured and poured into the muzzle as before, but the charge was set off by a percussion cap that fitted over the minute duct and was struck by a "Hammer-and-trigger." Instead of shot, a ball could be inserted in the barrel; a ball about the size of a marble that was moulded from lead by the kitchen stove in the long winter evenings. Indeed for lack of shot and ball (and there were shortages in those days) shingle nails were poured down the throat of the gun - but only in an emergency. The gun kicked badly and if the huntsman brought home game, he also brought home a black-and-blue shoulder. One of the hired men, my father said, took a pot-shot at a squirrel, missed and the chattering squirrel scampered up a tree. "If you had been at the other end of the gun," said the hired man rubbing his shoulder and swearing eloquently, "you wouldn't've run chittering up that tree."

Such a gun loaded with shot would have been useless against a marauding bear and my grandfather probably was aware of that.

THE THRESHING BEE

Remember those threshing gangs of the good old days?

The binding and stooking came first. If you had an average standing crop it wasn't too bad. But if the field was lodged, it had to be cut all one way. In spite of all you did, the sheaves came out the size and shape of a coverless feather tick – with four or five of them stuck together. You couldn't stook them, so you just threw them into piles and prayed it didn't rain.



The Shetland Company Threshing Outfit was operated by the late John Smith of Shetland. A Sawyer Massey engine is pulling a Gooderson separator and the car in the background is a 490 Chevrolet. The picture was taken in 1932 or 1933. The outfit apparently burned in a fire in 1936. The company also owned a corn shredder and a cutting box. Others involved in threshings in the Shetland area included Bob and Duncan Gray, Bob Leeson, Clayton Sharp, Everitt and Alvro Smith, Duncan McGillivray and Wm. Roberts

After your crop was stooked (shocked) you waited for a separator (threshing machine). But you didn't sit at home and wait, you went to help your neighbours thresh.

Day after day you left your own stooks in the field while you worked for the neighbours. You hoped the fine weather would hold and that you wouldn't die in the meantime from the dust.

At last the steam engine, water tank and separator pulled into your yard. The separator owner and two or three helpers moved in too, for the duration. With much signalling and swearing, in the falling darkness, the machine would be positioned in readiness for the next day's job.

Next morning, just after daylight, when your chores were only half done, the neighbours would start to gather. You knew the only reason they were there so early was to get out of work at home. About ten or eleven o'clock, if you were on fast time, the dew had risen enough to begin operations.

Suddenly all the men disappeared. Had they gone home? No, eight or ten of them had gone to the field where it was clean. So away went the farmer to gather up enough men, who either owed him money or weren't too bright, to work in the dusty heat around the machine. He needed a man or two to help unload, three or four on the bags, one on the blower and somebody on the straw stack.

Who can forget the way the route was laid out from the machine bagger to the granary? Around corners, through narrow doors, under scaffolds, upstairs or even up planks, which some discreet soul had sprinkled with grain, ahead of you. All of this, while you were loaded like a pack horse and bent over double. No wonder the truss companies did a soaring business.

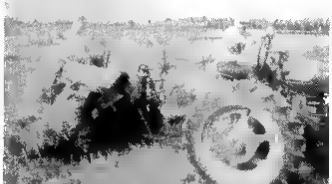
Meanwhile some poor devil was trying to level and tramp straw, floundering waist deep trying to keep out of the way of the dust-belching blow pipe. When he'd come down to the ground his face would be pure black except for his little blood shot, red-rimmed eyes.

About three o'clock everybody was hoping the machine would break down. Anything to get out of the heat, dirt and noise. The one man who hoped the separator would hang together was the farm owner.

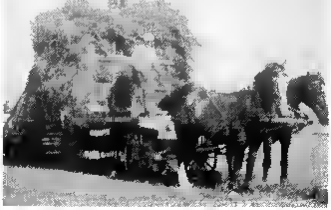
Towards the end of the day the teamsters would start scheming and conniving, as no one wanted to bring the last load from the field. As the end neared, an extra big load would be put on, in hopes that that would be it; only to find that nine

times out of ten, the second last wagon would have a small load on, leaving a few stooks for a LAST trip after all.

In the early hours of the morning the hustle and bustle would begin in the house. Huge roasts of meat were put into the oven and fresh pies were made by the dozens by the housewife and neighbour ladies. No such thing as having your baking done a week ahead of time and frozen! The kitchen table was extended full length and the laundry tubs were set up outside...so the men could remove the first few layers of dirt and grime. The children ran errands, then stood back and waited their turn to eat - after the threshers were fed - hoping there would be one piece of their favourite pie left.



In 1975, Keith Elliott cut a field of oats using a 1935 McCormick Deering binder while Harry Denkers drove the 1948 International Farmall H in preparation for a threshing demonstration at the annual Florence Fair held in September.



Haying was a laborious task, especially in the heat of early summer. Thus, the advent of the one man rack and the hay loader, as pictured here, made the job somewhat easier for Duncan (on the load) and Bob Gray.

Hundreds of farmers, elders must have started on threshing day, when rain threatened. Light rain would begin to fall, then it would stop. The thresher owner would ask about going ahead, and a few more drops would fall. About then, some character who was smarter than he looked, would throw a couple of damp sheaves crossways into the machine and that would be it for the day.

Do you really think they've taken the fun out of harvesting with these huge self-propelled combines? Nevertheless, memories of the past can relate nostalgic reminiscences to today's youth.

SUGARING OFF

Making maple syrup was a business carried on in the spring around Shetland. These pictures depict early methods, with trees tapped, sap collected and boiled in cast iron kettles over an open fire. The discovery of natural gas in the area, permitted rapid conversion of sap into sugar with the use of an 5 x 15 foot evaporator over a gas fire. At one time, over 1200 trees were tapped in one woodlot.

Syrup making is still carried on today - to a much lesser extent. Families carrying on the tradition are Jack and George Elliott, Owen and Roland Dobbyn, Donald and Glenn Elliott and Donald Thompson.

Photos by Walter Moorhouse

2 — The Church

The spiritual values of the early pioneers their devotion to the welfare of others and the promotion of good citizenship was of prime concern These devoutly religious people were not without some fellowship with a church primitive as it was in the beginning

The first Methodist church in Canada was the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was of American origin As immigration increased many of the settlers requested English missionaries To avoid a conflict between the English and the Americans an agreement was made in 1820, whereby Upper Canada would remain under the superintendence of the Americans and Lower Canada would be under the British Conference of the Methodist Church The missionary organization developed a pattern of circuits and later districts in order to reach and serve the little communities in Upper Canada A circuit rider or saddle-bag preacher would cover a circuit hunting for settlements Records for this period of time are scarce but in 1827 Reverend George Ferguson was listed as a travelling missionary on the Thames circuit No doubt he had heard of the little settlement on Bear Creek in Zone Township ferreted it out visited with the families read scriptures and had prayer It is highly probable that worship would be held in one of the homes Despite the best efforts of the travelling missionary he did well if he visited a community once or maybe twice a year Other missionaries listed for the Thames circuit in the following years were 1828 - John Hustoo 1829 - Richard Phelps 1830 - Thomas Harmon 1831 - Asahel Hurlburt and 1832 - Horace Dean

Mr Thos Moorhouse s obituary states that he was converted at age 15 (1831) to the Methodist Episcopal Church at a special revival service held in

the neighbourhood by Reverend A Hurlburt Quite probably a class or congregation would be formed to carry on prayer meetings between missionary visits

In 1828 a separate conference was founded in Canada called the Wesleyan Methodists who were entirely separate from the Wesleyan Methodists of America. The English said they could send missionaries to this church without breaking the 1820 agreement In 1833 the Wesleyan Methodist and the Methodist Episcopal Church united but that union was short lived for in 1834 the Methodist Episcopal Church was reconstituted

As the settlement grew it is reasonable to surmise that the log homes would be overly crowded when families gathered for worship or special meetings So an idea germinated in the minds of the more zealous worshippers of a place large enough to hold all persons who were interested in participating.

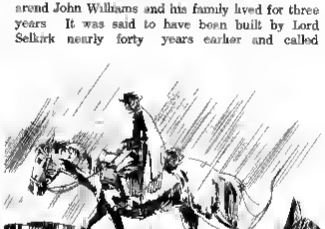
About this time, the Wesleyan Methodist church with roots in Britain was sending out missionaries to Upper Canada In 1834 Wm Griffis of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, no doubt contacted the growing Bear Creek settlement Since Thos Moorhouse and his wife were connected with Methodism in Ireland about 1807, they would welcome someons from the British vein, to their settlement

To meet a growing need and probably encouraged by the visit of Reverend Wm Griffis a log church was built on the property of Thomas Moorhouse in 1835 - and came to be known as the Moorhouse Church

This log church was built in 1835 and Wm Fenby (1802-1882) helped with the construction It is thought that this first church built in the area was part of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada Several years later (1843/45) there are recorded reports of the Missionary Society under the Chatham circuit and Zone branch with Moorhouse community names such as Wilson Langford Dobbyn Moorhouse Johnson Reid Cronch etc and Misses Sarah and Susan Moorhouse as collectors Miss Maria Gibson is also listed as a collector for the Webster Gibson Mills and Kirby families Presumably this was another area but part of the Zone branch Miss Gibson was the first teacher for school classes held in the log church before the log school was built In the 1845-46 report the Zone name disappears and the Moorhouse name is used

From the reports of the Methodist Missionary Society it is evident that Methodism was growing and territorial organization was altered to meet new demands In a 1846-47 report there was a Sydenham and Walpole District which included the Moorhouse branch Reverend John Wilhams in his report that year said, This Mission is of large dimensions It extends about 10 miles up the River St Clair about 12 miles up the north branch of the river Sydenham about 30 miles up the east branch of the Sydenham and along the river Sauh Carty

In 1847-48 the area was known simply as Sydenham Mission and included Wallaceburg Baldoon Dresden and Moorhouse branches Baldoon probably was an area around the house where Reverend John Wilhams and his family lived for three years It was said to have been built by Lord Selkirk nearly forty years earlier and called



The Methodist circuit rider often travelled as many as forty or fifty miles between appointments enduring hardships that now seem incredible Travelling in all manner of weather through forests and fording streams and rivers these riders frequently carried their few worldly possessions in saddle bags When they finally arrived at a community the place of worship was often a house a barn, a school - and in rare cases a church Many a circuit rider was responsible for the religious welfare of communities scattered throughout hundreds of square miles of territory

Baldoon House When a successor to Reverend John Williams was appointed in 1849 there is no longer a report on Baldoon It is likely the families joined in with other branches The Reverend Williams states in his 1848-49 report in part In regard to the prospects of Methodism on this Mission there are some things to be deplored while there are others that greatly cheer and encourage The scattered state of the members militates very much against the spiritual and temporal prosperity of our church while again the eagerness with which the people receive the Gospel message and the large and increasing congregations are truly gratifying to the servant of Christ

In the same year 1849 there appears to have been further re-organization of districts and the Moorhouse branch is listed under Wardsville The evidence of steady growth is stated by Reverend E Gallows in his 1849-50 report This field of labour being so extensive it is impossible to give that due attention which the work necessarily requires not withstanding we have reason to adore the Giver of all Good for encouraging prospects In some appointments where it is difficult to get congregations or places to worship in, through the blessing of Divine Providence multitudes assemble in comfortable buildings to hear the word of Life The Moorhouse branch seemed to be conspicuously healthy for Mr Gallows reports Our last Quarterly Meeting held in the Moorhouse neighbourhood was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord The Love feast and sacrament were so exceedingly profitable that it was difficult to bring them to close

The style of these itinerant missionaries varied, but essentially they held meetings in any place where people might gather They were frequently evangelical During the absence of the missionary to nurture and sustain their faith, there were class meetings where participants would testify as to the workings of their faith There were prayer meetings also In 1848-50 reference was made to Sunday Schools by Mr Sallows in his report

The Sabbath Schools are making some little progress The children are attentive and quite ambitious to excel each other in committing portions of Holy Scriptures to memory and there is no doubt that if pious suitable teachers could be obtained these institutions would be rendered a blessing to the world

In 1850 Reverend Charles Silvester made his report with six Moorhouse names listed under the Sydenham Branch saying, While there is but little Wesleyan Methodism on the River Sydenham we are not without some favourable indications of the principal appointment

The report of 1853 states A neat new church has been built in the Moorhouse neighbourhood and the church in Wardsville is nearly finished The congregations in all parts of the mission are good The Indian appointment at Fairfield is doing well

In 1853 a deed for the property was issued on the 6th of September Thee for the consideration of one pound Thomas Moorhouse (1816-1865) conveyed to Wm Moorhouse, Samuel Fordham, Wm Fenby Henry Moorhouse, Joseph Hicks, John Moorhouse and Richard Wilson as trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada a Chapel and Burying Ground in the Township of Euphemia, one acre in lot 25 concession 2 The deed was witnessed by Samuel Ward and John Moorhouse We assume a square single room frame church was built on this lot slightly north of the present brick church The building was in use until 1882 when it was moved into the village and used as a store, until it burned in 1918

(From tape recording of Rev A E Moorhouse 1960)

In the 1855-56 Missionary Report mention is made of arrangements made for the building of a parsonage in Florence which is intended to be the head of a new mission This was signed by W Ames Wm Hawke in his 1856-57 report states "the parsonage completed and the financial state of the mission is encouraging though the majority of the people have had to struggle with great difficulty in consequence of the failure of their crops last year

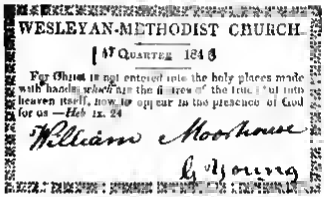
The report of 1858-59 by Reverend Wm Hawke states that Florence three years ago was set off from Wardsville with 50 members there are now 228 members and 13 on trial

In 1860-61 at Florence Reverend Wm Savage reported The past year has been one of pleasing prosperity - nearly one hundred precious souls have we believe been truly converted to God and the church generally quickened We have a good increase in all our funds especially the Missionary fund which is 50% more than last year We re-

quire a second preacher upon this field of labour as our borders are so extensively increasing

In the 1864-65 report the Moorhouse branch is listed under the Euphemia circuit along with the Ousley McKeune s and Annett branches

In 1865-66 the Moorhouse branch is listed under the Wardsville and Euphemia Mission A year later they are listed under the Newbury Circuit which included the Newbury Moorhouse McKeune s Gage s and Ousley branches and remained so until 1874 At that time the Wesleyan Methodist church and some lesser branches came together to form the "Methodist Church of Canada" For the next ten years the Moorhouse church is found under the Florence Circuit


WESLEYAN-METHODIST CHURCH.

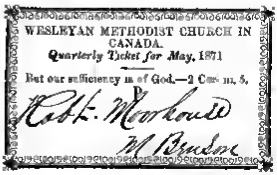
1ST QUARTER 1843

For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.—*Heb* ix. 24

William Moorhouse

G. Young

CLASS TICKETS or MEMBERSHIP TICKETS were small cards used in early Methodism both in England and America to identify members of the Methodist Societies They were first issued only to members of the Bands but later to every acceptable member of the societies Originally the tickets bore simply a date a scripture text and the member s name Later they became a little more elaborate and included also the name of the preacher or minister issuing the ticket and sometimes the name of the society or church. In England they were issued by John Wesley or one of his assistants in America by the circuit preacher


WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA.

Quarterly Ticket for May, 1871

But our sufficiency is of God.—2 Cor. iii. 5.

Robt. Moorhouse

M Brydon

Circuit riders and ministers from 1827-1875

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA

Thames Circuit

1827 George Ferguson
1828 John H Huston
1829 Richard Phelps
1830 Thomas Harmon
1831 - Asahel Hurlburt
1832 Horace Dean
1833 Unknown

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA

1834-36 Wm Griffis Chas B Goodrich
1837 - Stephen Miles George R Sanderson
1838-39 John Baxter Thos McMullen Jas Milner
1840 41 John K Wilhston Thos Wilhams
1842 Cornelius Flumerfelt Daniel Wright

CHATHAM CIRCUIT

1843 C Flumerfelt Geo Young
1844 - Samuel C Philp, Joseph E Ryerson
1845 Wm Willoughby Nathan Axtle

WALPOLE AND SYDENHAM MISSION

1846 48 John Williams

WARDSVILLE MISSION

1849 Edward Sallows
1850 52 Chas Silvester
1853-54 Wm Ames
1855 Thos Faucett
1856-58 Wm Hawke Thos Drake
1859-61 Wm Savage Hugh Johnston Jas Thornton
1862-63 John Hodgson Samuel Alexander, John Doel Robert Waddell

EUPHEMIA CIRCUIT

1864 Thos Atkinson

WARDSVILLE AND EUPHEMIA MISSION

1865 Conrad Vandusen Thos Atkinson

NEWBURY CIRCUIT

1866-68 Ezra A Stafford
1869-70 Manley Benson
1871 Edmund S Sharey
1872-75 - Mr Harris Thos Gee Wm J Ford

During the decade from 1870-1880 a few interesting facts were gleaned from the annual meeting record book 1870 - a gallon of lamp oil cost 30¢ and 2 lamp chimneys 20¢; wicks were 9¢ Mrs Drew was paid $8 00 to be caretaker for the year 1871 - broom purchased for 20¢, an account book for 40¢ and a cord of wood $1 00 1872 - The cost of insuring the church for a year - $6 00 1874 - John Ward was caretaker for $6 00 and it cost $16 00 to plaster the inside of the church. 1875 Wm H Moorhouse built a fence at $1 80 a rod with total cost $54 50 1876 - The caretaking fee had increased to $10 00 per year and $1 25 was spent on hymn books 1877 - John Drew offered a piece of land 10 feet on the east 100 feet on the west and 30 feet wide on the west end to build a church shed The shed 100 feet by 20 feet was built by Wm Henry Moorhouse for $200. The deed cost 30¢ and it took $2 00 to have it registered. 1878 — The church and shed were insured for $600 00 at a cost of $6 00 Three yards of matting was purchased for the floor 1880 - A tablecloth cost $2 25, 2 bowls were 25¢ and 2 goblets were 37¢

Early in 1882 a committee consisting of Charles Graham Albert Ward and Jonathon Quigley were appointed to be in charge of the erection of a new church. A contract for a building, 46 feet x 30 feet to include building and all finishing was drawn up On April 22 the tenders were opened and the tender of contractor C W Batt of Bothwell was accepted for $2500 00 S Peters was the architect

The following was recorded in The Christian Guardian - September 13, 1882 page 293

The ladies of the Moorhouse appointmeot served dinner to a large gathering of people on August 10th To attempt a description of the dinner would only be doing the ladies an injustice The great object of the day was attended to after dinner, laying the corner-stone of a new brick church. The Rev. W K Parker, M A, Chairman of the District, was present to take charge of the ceremonies, and to adjust the stone which he did in a workmanlike manner but the address he gave afterwards was ample proof that he had oot mistaken his calling — The following ministers were present and gave short and pithy talks - Rev. Messrs. Huff Racey Mc Leod Kilne Freeman Synder and Whiting A tin box was placed in the stone containing the documents and coins interred on such an occasion The proceeds of the day amounted to $64 00

The opening and dadication of the new brick church took place on Sunday, November 12 with services at 12 30 2 30 and 6 30 and a guest lecturer Rev Wm. McDonagh of Clinton speaking at 7 30 on Monday November 13 Admission to the lecture cost 25¢

A portion of the report in The Christian Guardian - December 20, 1882 page 406, states — The collections on Sunday amounted to $44 00; proceeds of the lecture $34 00 The weather was very unfavourable both on Sunday and Monday Our financial showing would be much larger under more favourable circumstances The church and furnishings will cost about $2800 00 The most of the above is provided by bona fide subscriptions The young people of the church and congregation have bought a very fine organ and placed it in the church for the

1877

Size of shed
100 feet long 20 feet wide
9 feet 8 inches high from
bottom of sill to top of plate
Sills 8 inches square oak or rock elm
Studs 2 x 4 spruce oak rest of timber
Black ash or elm posts and beams
7 x 8 - 100 feet equally distanced into
six spaces one row of posts in
each one girt and beam in each
bent One third pitch for
roof, pine lumber for the outer
and inside walls shingles
Black ash or elm for shelving
8 penny nails American to be
used Shingle nails to be American
shingles to have 4½ to the
weather plates 8 inches square

Original specifications

CHURCH OPENING!

The New Methodiet Church of Canada,

AT THE

MOOREHOUSE APPOINTMENT, on the FLORENCE CIRCUIT,

WILL BE OPENED AND DEDICATED ON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, '82.

BY THE

REV W R PARKER M A who will preach at 10 30 a m and 6 30 p m
The Rev JAS WHITING, of Wardsville will preach in the afternoon at 2 30

COLLECTION AT THE CLOSE OF EACH SERVICE IN AID OF TRUST FUND.

LECTURE!

ON

MONDAY EVE., NOV. 13th, 1882,

BY THE

Rev. Wm. McDonagh, of Clinton.

Subject:--"Cant, in Science and Religion."

☞ Do not fail to hear this Lecture The Choir will give some choice selections from 7 to 7 30

Doors open 6 30 p m Lecture to commence at 7 30

ADMISSION. 25 Cents.

EUPHEMIA Oct 20th 82

[*Times* print Rothwell]

benefit of the congregation and Sunday School

(References to Christian Guardian Reports and Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society reports found in United Church archives Toronto)

In 1883 John Drew was paid $24 00 for being caretaker of the new edifice

1884 saw the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada dating from 1829 the Bible Christian Church 1832 and the body claiming to be the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada together with the recently constituted Methodist Church of Canada (1874) organically united under the comprehensive title of the Methodist Church of Canada

Methodist Church in Canada - 1874

FLORENCE CIRCUIT

1875-76 - Ambrose Hunt
1876-77 - Walter Preston
1877-80—John Neelands Jas Livingstone
1880-82 - Thos. Geo. Jas Livingstone
1882-85 - Jas. Livingstone, A H Young, Geo. Jewitt

METHODIST CHURCH

(Canada Newfoundland Bermuda)—1882

8 points in the Florence Circuit—Shetland Florence Fansher Huffs Croton Bethel

1885-86 - John Russell, G Jewitt W J Smith Thos E Harrison
1888-91 - Wm M Pomeroy Daniel E Martin John H Morrison
1891-93 - John Reynolds A Downs G Durr Honeywell Moore Berdette
1893-96 - James E Holmes A Alexander Wigg J W Baird W J Ashton
1896-99 - John Kennedy J Coulter C Cornedle Wm Conway
1899-1902 - Robert C Burton C Morrow H Kennedy A W Budd
1902-1905 - Wm McMullen C Logan W H Coulter, Wright
1905-1907 - Thos Edwin Sawyer C Baker A Dean, A Walden
1907-1910 - Peter Myers, R Mitchell A Myers F Craik
1910-1913 - A David Whaley J Gordon S Davidson J E Jones Robt B Cumming
1913-1916 - Walter M Kitely J Elliott Morley Colling A Page
1916-1918 - Joseph Jones J W Hanna A Smale

(Recollections of Walter Moorhouse)
(1883-1957)

Walter was the son of Mr and Mrs Robert Moorhouse born and raised on Lot 26 concession 5 Erphemia

The Methodist Church that we attended in the 1880's and after was reached by a winding road that followed crookedly a creek and a river a lovely country road but not one to go into raptures over when the spring break-up made them almost impassable and the hills quivering bogs But I cannot recall a single Sunday when the whole family was kept away from church by inclement weather or bad roads On a rare occasion the older and hardier would walk the 2½ miles There was a church (Methodist) nearer than this a mile away just beyond the school known as Wesley Church, but the Shetland Church first established on a piece of land given by my great-grandfather was the old family church served by my father all his life

Preparation for church service must have been a hectic weekly episode for the family of eleven To use a hackneyed phrase but apt when down on the farm is the theme time was taken by the forelock and preparation got under way on Saturday night There was the weekly ritual of the bath - in no gleaming tiled bathroom in the kitchen in a great tub before the kitchen stove a fire of hardwood burning briskly and pots and kettles requisitioned from every service to heat the water All shoes were cleaned and blackened inspected and retouched if the task irksome to the small boy had not been carefully done

There was no laggard lying-a bed on Sunday morning In the barns was a herd of 40 or 50 or 60 cattle rattling their horns against stanchions and mangers impatient to be fed a dozen or more cows to be milked the milk to be strained into flat shallow pans in the milk cupboard The horses in their separate stables as early as I can remember were looked after by my two oldest brothers There was a flock of chickens there were pigs and sheep chores for everyone And we had to hustle for church service began at 10 o clock with Sunday School

We children were sent off in good time in a democrat with a body high above the wheels to get to the two seats involved an ascent as high as the entry to a pullman car 'Twas a lofty ride and

aury for the seats were set on the edge of the box or body and were open to any wind that blew Buffalo robes were used to wrap about the knees those shaggy hides still in the 1880 s poured out of the west e cash crop from the plains for the early settlers Eight or nine of us were regularly packed into the democrat behind one of the working teams and made our plodding way to church

In this rural Sunday School thirty or forty children and adults came together weekly Divided into classes they were scattered here and there about the church Uniform lessons were used the one Scripture selection was studied by the juveniles and the grey beards A four page leaflet called the Berean Leaf was the chief text or lesson help for the scholars It contained the Bible text s list of daily Bible readings questions on the text and of course the Golden text if this was correctly memorized, a little ticket the size of streetcar ticket and printed in color was given to become a prized possession in those lean days The Banner was the teacher s stand-by ff I m not mistaken Onward was even in those days a paper eagerly awaited from week to week by all its editor Dr Withrow When I was beginning to read a little paper of simple diction was put in the hands of my age group (I m afraid it came from Chicago) and I remember wishing a continued story would appear in it just as the story of Little Lord Fauntleroy was serialized in St Nicholas Sure enough a continued story started right away Its title Silly Sally!

Of all the teachers at whose feet I sat (literally for usually the teacher posted himself on the back of the seat in front of us his feet sometimes on the floor sometimes on the seat right beneath our noses as we leaned forward from our seat to catch his questionings and teachings in the general hubbub of the room) I say of all the Sunday School teachers the one I recall quite clearly was a young farmer with some education (he had attended Business College) Not infrequently he got our attention by a question - out of the blue as it were an unexpected question that tested our general knowledge How many feet has a fly? with no time given to catch one of the flies buzzing about and investigate Occasionally he brought an object to the class to discuss briefly – he always had an attentive group of small boys As I discovered later he was a man of narrow views but of strict integrity and an ardent advocate of temperance Years later when cars began to bedevil the roads he had some trouble with his car - a flat tire was helped by a passing trucker and discovered too late twas the trucker of a beer-baron Tis said his face was red a long, long time

At 11 o clock worship service was held An indication that time was up for the Sunday School session were growing numbers of adults four parents among them assembling at the back of the church or quietly sliding into their pew, if it happened to be empty The arrival of the minister was the final signal that Sunday School was over Many of the boys and girls hurried out and home But the children in our family were expected to remain – in fact it was mandatory The family pew was a side pew well forward in the church and accommodated five adults That was too confined for a family of eleven (ten always present) and we spread across the aisle to the centre adjacent pew all seven boys to become the most noticeable group to church from the row of whiteheads descending in order of size from my oldest brother Llewellyn (a towering six feet two) to the youngest whose head did not yet reach the top of the pew I listened to the sermon not with attention to the exposition of any text or theme but eagerly awaiting any story or illustration that might be used In my boyish estimation the best preacher was he who garnished his sermon most with stories Some of these I still remember and also recall the text of the first sermon of a young probationer of the year 1896 the first four words of the Bible In the beginning God a text that required no feat of memory to cling to

After the 11 o'clock worship service which usually ran beyond 12 o clock some of the congregation left for home while the members of the Church (or as many of them as were so minded) remained for class meeting There were two or three leaders each of whom assumed those sitting in a row of pews as his class and went from member to member and asked how the Lord had dealt with them Each member would rise in his or her place express gratitude for the way they had been led and end their testimony with some such appeal as Pray for me Christian friends that I may prove faithful The little fellows like myself were ignored but were not altogether inattentive It wasn t long before they could repeat some of the testimonies word for word God for some reason or other seeming in our youthful thought to be treating those members in the same monotonous way And then we younger fry were strangely alert when certain

members were testifying One dear old lady who sat immediately in front of us would slowly rise (she always sat with her head resting against the wall on the top of the wainscotting leaving a permanent record of hair-oil there) and in a quivering voice would begin her testimony and gradually trail off into subdued sniffs and sobs to our inquisitive delight. So impressed were we by this that when we played church at home and came to the class-meeting part of our service our response was usually a sniff or a blubber remarkably reproduced by my younger brother Reg who was a born mimic Indeed my mother considering this a lack of respect or reverence came in to stop the act or reprove us but turned away to hide her laughter

By and by there was organized a class for the young fry that remained for class meeting Perhaps necessity compelled this restlessness surely was evident after three hours of sitting on hard uncushioned pews The leader (and perhaps instigator) was a lovely young lady who gathered us into a corner of the church behind the organ where the choir assembled The class was conducted on the lines of the adult classes we were each asked to give our experience Young exhibitionist that I was I seized on the chance with avidity and glibly repeated what some of my elders had said As for personal experience in those tender years I didn t know what it meant Not that I didn t want to know God and have Him speak to me Clearly I remember bare looted heading for home from the post-office the West piling up with black clouds I wished that the Almighty would write His approval of me on those black clouds such as my schoolmaster would chalk a motto on the blackboard No sign was given

The class-meetings were enlivened with singing Some one lead off a capella with a familiar hymn Usually this was done by one of the leaders John Ward the hunch-back mentioned before He had what was probably a strong baritone voice and an ear for music never once did he pitch too high or too low as he led off with familiar hymns There is a fountain filled with blood (a terrible line for a child to comprehend) or O Beulah Land (I pronounced that O bule the land and wondered if it had any connection with a plow or if a plow could bule it) Another hymn had the line On this terrestrial ball I took that word ball to mean a dancing orgy and wondered how the line got into our Methodist Hymn Book contrary to the footnote of the Methodist Discipline that forebade dancing as a lure of the devil

Sometimes the class meeting was turned into a fellowship meeting with the Minister presiding within the altar rail In this a member would rise and give his experience as he was moved to do so or would break into song unannounced We always welcomed this for twas always a shorter session many of the members being afflicted with dumbness when expected to express their experience before the whole congregation

We would arrive home about 1 30 of the afternoon One of the eleven of us always remained at home A kettle of potatoes peeled and in the pot would be put on the stove to be ready by the time the rest of the family arrived from church In the winter time once dinner was eaten Sunday clothes were doffed and work a-day togs put on for there were the stables to be cleaned out and fresh straw scattered in the stalls and other odd chores to be done so that afternoon was far spent and little time left for rest As for games on that day twas never thought of at least never mentioned And to conclude those Sundays of the 80 s when the chores were done and supper over we all gathered round the great solid walnut dining room table and each with his own Bible before him read verse by verse in turn the Bible lesson for next Sunday There was no exposition of it it seemed to be a simple acknowledgement (by our parents) of their duty to God and their family

Our church was one of a six-point circuit (six churches) that was served by two men an ordained minister and a probationer a young man preparing for the ministry and between periods of his education preaching for a three year term of practical testing My first recollection of a senior minister was not a happy one My father conducted family worship in those early years of my life twice a day reading the Bible consecutively from beginning to end I can t recall his reading the dreary begat' chapters of the Old Testament His prayers were never extemporaneous he always used a prayer book When a minister called on pastoral visitation the family was brought together as many as were within hailing distance and he led in family worship This particular minister I m referring to was a thin cadaverous fellow with black whiskers of a rather monkish turn as I remember him He was given the Bible that my father used daily a fairly large volume that was beginning to show the wear and tear of

time a broken back, loose leaves. The minister took it from my father with the remark "Rather unholy handling" or words to that effect. My parents received the rebuke without reply. One five year-old never forgot it and in his earlier opening years resented the injustice of the remark. The only hands that touched the Bible, he knew, were the gentle but toil worn hands of his father. Later years brought tolerance and excused the misdirected zeal of that particular minister.

From 1882-1918 there were 6 churches on the charge namely Florence, Shetland Fanshier, Hniffe (Dawa) Croton and Bethel (Zone). That is why there are so many supply ministers listed for those years.

After the brick church was built, the old frame church was sold to Andrew Ward, who moved it to the gore and used it for a store.

By 1887 - $50 00 per year was being paid to J. Ward for being church caretaker. The average collection in 1890 was $8 3/77 cents. Lambton Mutual held the insurance policy on the church and shed in 1891 for $2 000 00 and $150 00 respectively. In 1894 there was talk of putting in a basement. A new stove was purchased and total expenditures for the year reached $89 51.

An addition to the shed was built in 1896 and the first piece built was repaired.

A piece of land for enlarging the cemetery was purchased from John Drew for $100 in 1897. Money was borrowed to pay the balance on the shed ($142 75). Receipts for the year amounted to $181 00. Expenditures were $261 00, leaving a deficit of $80 00. The next year (1898) an interview was held with the architect regarding a report on costs and plans for building a basement and choir place in Shetland Church. In 1899, the year end deficit of $7 42 was borrowed from the grave yard fund. In 1900 subscription was taken to pay the balance of the parsonage debt. One hundred eighty dollars was borrowed in 1901 and a new furnace was installed. Also E. M. Johnson was paid $72 50 for a gas machine.

(From the Recollections of Walter Moorhouse)
(1883 1957)

In the early 90's when I was seven or eight years old a very special event was chronicled in the history of our little church. Twas an anniversary and for the guest minister the officials scaled the top of Canadian Methodist hierarchy and asked for and got the General Superintendent of the Church, the Moderator the Pope as it were of Canadian Methodism, the virile Dr. Albert Carmen. Of course such a dignitary attracted worshippers from afar in those horse and buggy days and soon the officials were in a quandary as they tried to seat the unusual numbers. As a partial solution of their problem the ushers picked out all the small boys from here and there throughout the congregation, herded them to the front and had them sit on the low platform that supported the altar rail and the communion table, a platform six inches high and with about six inches of sitting room between the edge and the altar rail. We accepted the invitation with a good deal of interest. I had no sooner taken my seat a little to the right of the pulpit (which towered above us on a higher platform) when I was smitten with the resemblance between the spindles of the altar rail and the stanchions of the cow stable. These were upright posts about three inches thick and five feet high placed in pairs, the posts of a pair about a foot apart, and one of the pair fixed securely, the other movable to the right at the top so that the cow on admission to the stable would thrust her head between her two stanchions, the movable one would be pulled over and pinned, thus Bossy was secured. As I sat that morning on the platform by my two spindles of the altar rail "Aha, a cowstable" I whispered to the lad beside me and thrust my head through the spindles in the manner of a cow, only to discover to my great mortification that like the cow I couldn't withdraw my head. How long I was held a prisoner there I have forgotten but my rescue was effected by a robust woman in the pew in front of us, who noticed my predicament and forcibly yanked me out.

But that was not the end of my woes. Dr. Carmen was a vigorous speaker in a sense that we lowly little fellows in front were very well aware before the sermon was over; he paced from one side of the pulpit to the other to see him and to follow him spelled a crick in the neck for every one of us except the most indifferent. Besides, some nervous affliction I learned in later years, had affected some of his facial muscles and as he earnestly preached he could not altogether control the spittle in his mouth and a fine spray was emitted in his more forcible moments. When he swept to my side of the pulpit I was right in line of the spray. Nor was

SHETLAND CHURCH CIRCA 1906 — Note double chimneys and L shaped shed semi-circle window above entrance.

there a way of escape. "grin and bear it" was very well exemplified that Sunday morning at the altar rail

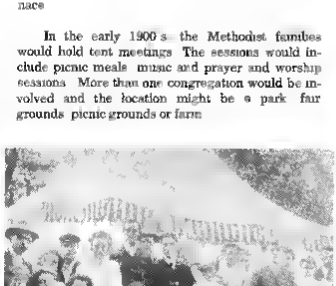
From The Christian Guardian
January 1, 1902 page 4

The re-opening services were conducted by the Rev S W Muxworthy, of Alvinston, secretary of Conference on the last Sunday in October — Receipts over $70 The trustees have put in a furnace and an acetylene gas plant and thoroughly remodelled the building Shetland has now one of the most attractive country edifices to be found in rural sections and it is gratifying to know that the entire cost of the lighting heating and redecorating (amounted to about $300) has been met by subscription and proceeds of a concert — "

Richard Laird was janitor in 1904 for a salary of $25 00 He was to keep the temperature as near 70 degrees F as possible That same year a resolution was passed to remove the acetelyne plant from under the church and encase it in cement outside

In 1907 Inwood hardware was given a contract for a new church roof, and it was decided to put Georgia pine on the ceiling Mr. Loosemore of Inwood was to varnish the new wood The window over the front entrance was fixed and Mr Pesha was paid $3 00 to tear down the brick work of the furnace

In the early 1900 s the Methodist families would hold tent meetings The sessions would include picnic meals music and prayer and worship sessions More than one congregation would be involved and the location might be a park fair grounds picnic grounds or farm



Tent meeting in the early 1900 s

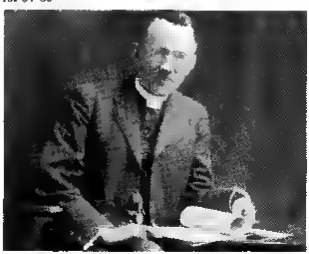
(Recollections of Walter Moorhouse)
(1883-1957)

About the turn of the century when I was going to High School and still in my callow teens, Rev Wm McMullen was senior minister on our circuit, Rev Clark Logan the young man A few years later Mr McMullen began what proved a long and distinguished service as Associate Editor of the Christian Guardian with Dr W B Creighton the editor. He was a hearty man widely read, true pal of his family and an inveterate tease I recall the first visit he and Clark Logan made to our home They had dinner with us There we were, seven unsophisticated boys bashful (generally), innocents led to a barage of relentless teasing, no let-up throughout the meal. 'Twas hilarious Near the end of the meal my brother Reg and I slipped away from the table unnoticed in the uproar Some imp must have stirred the same thought in each of us because without a word between us, we hurried to the drive barn where the horses were stabled and the road vehicles housed There in front of the barn was the minister's buggy and their nag properly stalled and feeding To my grandchildren who have lived their lives in a motor age and know that the front tires of a car can be changed to the rear because the front and rear wheels are the same size it must be told that the front wheels of a buggy are smaller than the rear perhaps six inches or a foot less in diameter For two reasons perhaps - the larger rear wheel always with its heavier load rolls along with less resistance than one smaller in size, while the smaller front wheel permitted a much narrower turn. So we attacked the minister's buggy We exchanged a tall rear wheel with its opposite lower front, stood back and admired our achievement a lop-sided vehicle skew-haw at both ends We saw to it in due time that the horse was ready and hitched and at the door for the departing ministers who commended us for our kind attention in having hitched their horse for them. They got into their rig still laughing and chaffing quite inattentive to everything except their fun We were told that they had driven six miles to the parsonage before discovering their odd predicament a little surprised along the way by the bemused expressions of the few parishioners they met

I was twelve years old when I was asked by the Rev J E Holmes to join the church He had called that day at our home had his dinner and was preparing to get his horse attended by three or four of us to the horse stable There in front of the horse-stable in an ebullient mood I had tripped and sent sprawling my younger brother on the straw and manure, when the minister proposed that I should join the church I consented but was somewhat bewildered because I wasn't filled with a sort of wild joy after such a decision I had attended a revival service at which a Free Methodist had walked up and down the aisle in an ecstasy of joy in her experience of God, shouting in great earnestness and at great length blessing the joyous day she had given her heart to the Lord. Why I never experienced such an ecstasy was a matter of concern to my young and seeking mind

The envelope system for contributions was adopted at the end of the year 1911 at a cost of $4 70 and in 1912 the church gave $5 00 towards a grant for sidewalks in Shetland. Joseph Dobbyn, Richard Laird, M Healy N Moorhouse, J Dykeman R H Badgley and L Weaver were allowed to perform their statute labour thereon

In 1914, a piece of land was purchased from Thomas Moorhouse on the north and west sides to square the property with the road and make a reasonable allowance for the valley The north side of the shed was reshingled with cedar and eave troughs were installed In 1916, the front platform was rebuilt as desired by the choir and about the same time the church was painted in a pastel shade Scrollwork was put over the windows and the picture at the front was painted Natural gas lights were installed after some consideration in 1918 and a gas stove was purchased from Edwin Moorhouse for $7 00



Reverend George Barnard ministered on the Florence circuit from 1918 1922 Later his son John ministered from February to July 1951

July 1918 - FLORENCE FANSHER SHETLAND
FLORENCE CIRCUIT (one minister)
1918-1922 - George Barnard
1922-1928 - John Button

In 1925 the Methodist congregations virtually all the Congregational churches and about two-thirds of the Presbyterian congregations joined to become the United Church of Canada The inaugural service was held in Toronto on June 10 1925

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CARD

Shetland Methodist Church
Shetland, Ontario
ANNUAL CARD OF MEMBERSHIP
For the Closing Year of the Methodist Church, May 1925
Name
Ps. 122, 1.—"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."
This little card will be a memento of the old Methodist, and remainder to the end of a great historical movement, and the year begins a new era of service in the United Church. Kindly do so welcome the coming of the golden day when true great churches made their service larger and broader, crowned the world's Redeemer who gave his life that we might be one in Him, and love God and each.
J. W. SUTTON Pastor

This annual membership card was issued to Jas D Dobbyn by J W Button for the closing year of the Methodist Church May 1925

1928 33 Wm Lovegrove
1933-35 - Forbes J Rutherford
1935-40 - Dan D Gaynor
1940-43 - W Donald Goodger
1943-47 C Wesley Cope
1947 51 A Thrower
1951 (Feb to July) - John Barnard

In 1951 the Florence charge again had 6 churches under its jurisdiction - Florence Fansher, Shetland Huffs Rutherford and Dawn Valley - The assistant minister resided at Rutherford

1951-56 - W S Miner, C. Kelly 1956 - died in 1956
1956-61 J Douglas Woollett K Kellar Gertrude Arkenhead

Jake Geisbrecht

In 1961, Fansher church was closed Shetland became part of the Oakdale charge along with Edy's Mills The Fansher congregation was diverted to Florence Shetland and Bothwell

1961 63 G R (Dick) Clark
1963-65 - C E Graham
1965 68 - Douglas W Heard
1969-70 - H Lane Douglas
1970 73 - John R Wareham
1973-77 Jake Geisbrecht (lay minister)
1977 78 - Ken Riggs (lay minister)

The church was redecorated in 1926 and hydro was installed in 1932 by Roland Dobbyn Charlie Bolton and John Aulph

The church shed was well used for several decades - not just on Sundays but also during the week. Teamsters coming to the village for grist or groceries would tie their horses up and look after their business With the advent of the automobile the shed became obsolete In 1937 Francis W (Frank) Johnston bought part of the shed, moved it to his farm and used it for a hen house In 1951 Gordon Coulter purchased the remaining shed moved it to the gore and used it as a machine repair shop

MURAL RESTORED — This group of ladies came to view the restored mural at the front of the church in 1955. The work was done by a Polish artist Mr. Malezyk of Windsor. The painting originally done in 1916 depicts Christ blessing the little children. The wording around the arch is done in gold leaf. Back row, left to right — Pearl Sharp, Gertrude Dobbyn, Margaret Moorhouse, Mary Elliott. Front row, left to right — Frances Moorhouse, Marion Gray, Lizzie May, Christine Parker.

The interior of the church was painted in a pastel shade in 1955 by Charles Malezyk of Windsor. The painting at the front originally done in 1916 was copied from a picture on a Sunday School paper replacing a floral design prior to this. The painting was restored and the scrollwork above the windows and arch were undisturbed. The wording in gold leaf read "Worship in the Beauty of Holiness."

A new oil furnace was installed in 1956-57. The U.C.W. purchased a new piano for the church and new red hymnals for the choir in 1973. In 1962 the United Church invited the Anglican Church to participate in the compilation of a joint hymnal, so the red hymn book was published in 1971-72.

By 1975, a major renovation project was underway again. This time the walls were stripped, three-quarter inch styrofoam was put up, then covered

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE, OCTOBER 1976 — Left to right — Guest minister Reverend Lane Douglas (he also had the honour of cutting the ribbon on the brown "shanty"), visiting minister Reverend J. Douglas Woollatt, past members who returned for the occasion Mrs. Ree (Elmer) Buckrell, Mrs. Betty (Rey) Dobbyn, Mr. Harold Dobbyn.

with drywall and painted The window at the back (some would call it the front, but probably better known as the "leaky" window) was removed and the space bricked in New carpet was laid in the choir loft pulpit area and aisles The side rooms were panelled and the whole front entrance rooms and stairs were carpeted New front doors were hung and the building has been kept locked since 1975 The U C.W purchased a vacuum to clean the new carpet

That same year the United Church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary since union On Sunday, June 8 1975 a special service was held Many who attended regularly 50 years ago returned and were presented with a gold corsage or boutonniere

These two little Shetland girls (left) Janet Elliott (daughter of Doreen and Glenn) and Mandy Rich (daughter of Verna and Ron) distributed flowers to the people who were members in 1925.

The above people were either members or attended Shetland United Church regularly in 1925. Back row Harold Dobbyn Florence Russell Gray Florence Centre Mrs Agnes (Dobbyn) Tinney Shetland Mrs. Mary (Powell) McKellar London Mrs Kathleen (Bolton) Sinclair R R 2 Bothwell Mrs Ada (Stevens) Peters Merlin, Mrs Ivy (Stevens) Walker of Bothwell Mrs Grace (Craig) Smith of Bothwell, Mrs Edna (McGillivray) Elliott R R 2 Florence Mrs Lizzie (Still) May R R 2 Florence Mrs. Margaret (Campbell) Moorhouse R R 2 Florence Delbert Brownlee Alvinston, Mrs Mary (Gray) Elliott R R 2 Florence Front row Mrs Marguerite (Dobbyn) Blakie and Jim Blakie of Shetland, Mrs Leva (Tully) McAuslan Edy s Mills Clayton Sharp Wardsville

When anniversary time rolled around in October 1976 the usual lists were posted for cleaning bees. Since there were no indoor washroom facilities at the hall or church it was deemed necessary that the outhouse be renovated for the occasion. The committee of three designated for the task certainly took the responsibility seriously and so emerged the "Shanty Saga". The diligent workers tackled the job from the top by shingling the roof. Of course every housewife knows that you put a double row of asphalt singles along the eave and work your way up to the ridge board with neatly nailed rows. Even so, we had lots of advice given by the men folk. It wasn't our fault that the roof wasn't perfectly rectangular and the rows started to slant a bit. A tricky spot was doing a neat job around the air vent as we covered the ridge board. The privacy fence was painted not once but twice! The interior was papered and a burlap drop ceiling was installed (to keep the hornets closer to the roof). Carpet was laid and a welcome ribbon adorned the back wall. The following report was given at the annual meeting — 1st coat of paint - Brunswick Brown (too suggestive), 1 gallon $14.95 sympathetically donated by Helen Prangley. 2nd coat of paint - chocolate brown (suitably subdued shade), 1 gallon located at Elliott Bros. workshop (had been lost for 2 years); 3 different shades of asphalt shingles and nails donated by Elliott Bros.; Roy Johnston and Victor Ross dry, strippable wallpaper contributed by Dorothea Moorhouse; carpet staples, wish book and Observer (reading material) from Mary Ross; welcome ribbon, white paint and turquoise trim from Helen Fansher; needle, thread and plastic bag from Agnes Tinney. (The seamstresses miscalculated and cut the drop ceiling too short on one end).

The work committee, left to right — Helen Fansher, Mary Ross and Florence Johnston putting shingles on.

While the committee were home for lunch they returned to find their work project had been inspected and this report nailed to the door.

Financial Report - Burlap (for ceiling) - $4.29; 2 paper holders (1 left handed; 1 right handed) $1.48; Colour co-ordinated toilet tissue — 49; caulking cement - .87. Total $7.11.

We appreciate the generous support afforded us by so many local citizens. Regretfully we wish to inform you that we cannot take on any more such jobs in the near future. We have outpriced ourselves. We recommend to the board of trustees that lightning rods and eavetroughs be installed as soon as possible and that consideration should be given to updating the insurance coverage.

Signed - The Committee — Helen Fansher
Florence Johnston
Mary Ross

By May 1978, a new church had been built at Eday's Mills and Reverend Anson Moorhouse had capably completed an extremely busy year as President of the London Conference. At that particular time there seemed to be a slight feeling of despair and indifference within the 3 point charge. With a rallying objective in mind, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Moor

house agreed to take on the ministerial duties of the Oakdale Pastoral charge and did so with no salary being paid for 3 years However, the financial objective across the charge was to remain the same and the money set aside in a capital fund for a circuit project

In 1979, it was decided to sell the manse in Oakdale and a new manse was built two lots to the west With a tremendous amount of volunteer labour excellent co-operation among the three congregations and the good will of the Moore houses the new manse was officially dedicated in August 1981 with no debt owing Since that time the basement has been completed again with much volunteer labour

Reverend A E Moorhouse Anson's father and his mother Minerva (Powell) were born in the Shetland community Although Anson was born in Shedden Ontario his mother recorded that he attended his first church service as a baby, at Shetland in 1908 She also said, he behaved like a perfect little gentleman Like his father and uncle before him Anson entered the ministry and was ordained in 1935 ultimately working in the national offices of the United Church of Canada as director of Berkeley Studio In 1971, he was given an Honourary Doctor of Divinity degree from Victoria University Toronto for his contributions to the church Dr Moorhouse selected the Shetland area for his retirement built a new home on "Spruce Row" (River Road) and moved in October 1973 In September 1974 he married Dickie (Jitsuko) Sada a colleague in Berkeley Studio

THE NEW MANSE AT OAKDALE

Dr and Mrs A C Moorhouse

This year 1985 marks a milestone - 50 years in the ministry An Open House is planned for Sunday June 9 at Shetland hall to honour Dr Moorhouse a Jubilaire on this special occasion

In September 1981 Reverend Eric Hudson was inducted as minister of the Oakdale charge Coming to Shetland from the Bancroft Carlow pastoral charge the Hudsons were the first family to occupy the new manse

The family immigrated to Canada from England in 1974 bringing with them a high music profile both vocal and instrumental, as an interest and a vehicle of faith

Since Reverend Hudson held Ministry Supervision qualifications two student ministers spent summer internships on the Oakdale charge In 1982 David Murata, a Japanese-Canadian stud-

dent from Toronto spent 4 busy months participating in numerous activities - visiting the shutins in homes and hospital supervising Youth group bus trips and money-raising projects conducting summer church services instructing Scouts in Religion units attending Bible study sessions, teaching Japanese culinary arts, playing fastball and attending Junior Farmer meetings while riding Russell Elliott's motorcycle for transportation and living with Betty and Hugh Leeson.

In 1983, Kathy and George Addison and 3 sons spent 4 months on the charge in the same capacity. This time the pastoral charge under the direction of a Student Support Committee provided a fully furnished home in Dawn complete to linens and the U C W 's stocked the cupboards and refrigerator with food. Both students felt they had gleaned a good overall view of a rural ministry and had learned a great deal working with Eric as a teacher friend and colleague.

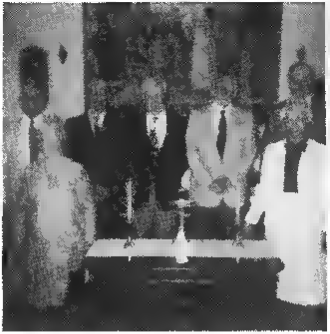
During 1984-85, Eric was chairman of Lambton Presbytery and also on the executive of London Conference.

A major project begun in 1984 and completed in 1985 has been the building of an 20 x 32 foot addition to the church. For the past 15 years, mention has been made each year about a second door to comply with fire regulations. Now there is a fire escape door and a lovely room which can be used as a nursery and choir room. Fennell's of Newbury were the contractors and Meyer Bros. of Oakdale did the brick work. Total cost will be about $21 000 00 upon completion.

During the past four years the pastoral charge has continued to grow numerically- financially and spiritually as Eric has compassionately assisted the needy in times of despair sickness and sorrow, rejoiced in the good times and humorously related anecdotes on English accents customs and hobbies.

Eric Hudson is leaving the Oakdale charge in June to continue his ministry in Petrolia.

Reverend Timothy Dayfoot an ordinand of Toronto will begin his ministry in July on the Oakdale charge.



ELDERS 1985 — Back row left to right Cecil Tinney Robert Tinney Stan McAuslan, Anson Moorhouse. Fred Fansher Front row left to right Mrs. Mary Elliott Mrs Marion Marshall Roland Dobbyn was absent when the picture was taken.

STEWARDS 1985 — Back row left to right Jim Sharp Chris Moorhouse Gordon Fansher Alex Elliott Front row left to right Margaret Ann Wright Mary Jane Lambrecht Catherine Osborne Absent when picture was taken Ron Sharp and Lloyd May

Shetland Cemetery

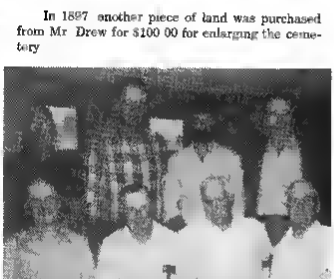
The first church at Shetland was built in 1835 but there is no record of a deed being given for the church land until September 6, 1853. Then for a consideration of one pound Thomas Moorhouse conveyed to the "Trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada a Chapel and Burying Ground in the Township of Euphemia" one acre of land for a church and cemetery on part of Lot 25 concession 2. The deed was witnessed by Samuel Ward and John Moorhouse.

The cemetery was divided into lots 8 by 16 foot and half lots 8 by 8 foot. At this time, there was no charge for burial plots.

The minutes for the annual meeting in 1876, record a drain put in the graveyard at a cost of $4.00. In 1877 John Drew offered a piece of land 10 feet on the east 100 feet to the west and 30 feet wide on the west end. The extra acreage allowed room for a church shed 100 feet by 20 feet to be built north of the church.

In 1890, John Ward was appointed caretaker when plots cost $5.00 for a full lot and $3.00 for a half lot. In 1892, a piece of land was purchased from J. Drew for $100.00 as an addition to the cemetery. By 1894 plot prices had increased to $5.25 and $3.25 respectively and John Ward was to be paid 25 cents commission for selling lots and looking after the same.

In 1897 another piece of land was purchased from Mr. Drew for $100.00 for enlarging the cemetery.



SHETLAND CEMETERY BOARD — Front row, left to right: Roland Dobbyn, Donald Elliott, Stan McAuslan, Cecil Tinney. Back row left to right: Russell Elliott, Owen Dobbyn, Allan Gray, Tom Elliott. Absent when picture was taken: Ted Sharp, Alex Bolton, Ray Moorhouse, Robert Tinney.

In 1901 plots cost $8 50 for non members and $5 50 for appointment members In the 1907 minutes, the trustees are recorded to have voiced their objection to the bringing of a corpse into the church before burial and advise that interment take place before the memorial service

In 1914 an offer of Mr Thomas Moorhouse was accepted to exchange the S E corner including the valley of the creek for a piece of land, on the north and west sides, to square the property with the road The rate to be $100 per acre and a reasonable allowance made for the valley It is the part now known as section C In 1915 tile were put in the cemetery and the men were paid $2 00 per day

By 1920 the cemetery was looking quite ragged so the adult Sunday School class arranged bees to dig, level and reseed the whole area A caretaker was hired so since then the plot owners haven't been responsible for the upkeep

In 1923 C section was laid out and the price changed to $20 50 per lot 9 by 18 feet The caretaker received $32 10 for mowing the grass

In 1955 the Department of Consumer and Commercial Affairs advised the board that they would have to set aside a minimum of 35 cents per square foot of each grave sold as a perpetual care fund

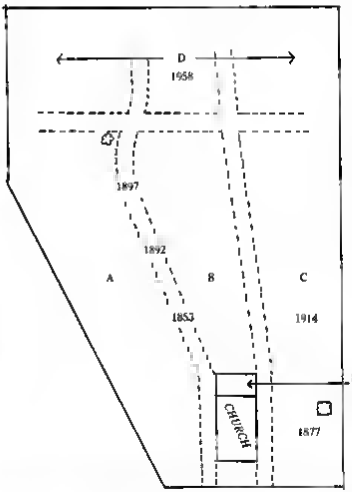
Three quarters of an acre of land was purchased from Douglas Dobbyn in 1956 and is now known as Section D

The Department of Consumer and Commercial Affairs advised the board in 1982 that they would have to charge a minimum of $35 00 per grave for perpetual care As a result the price of a grave rose to $50 00 and remains the same today (March 1985)

In 1984 the caretaker received $1250 00 for mowing the grass

The Cemetery Board holds an annual meeting each year and other meetings if necessary to discuss business during the year A couple of work sessions are usually held during the year These are organized by the board with many community volunteers assisting

One devoted board member Roland Dobbyn has held the position of secretary-treasurer for more than thirty years



Map of Shetland Cemetery

Roland Dobbyn

Memorials

Brass Vase — in memory of her mother Laura Ekhea (Dobbyn) Livingstone Born January 1859 at Shetland died October 1927 daughter of Wm R Dobbyn Presented by Laura Bassett

When Fansher church closed in 1961 several items were donated to Shetland These included a hymn board — in memory of Cliff Kelly a student minister from 1954-56 a silver communion bread plate purchased with funds from the following estates - Mrs (Nettie) Timothy Rolston John Vail Wm J. Davis and Harvey J Davis a silver baptismal bowl in memory of Mr and Mrs Dexter C Walker and a communion tray

Communion Table — in memory of Stanley S Moorhouse and Margaret Evelyn (Burdon) presented by Eric Moorhouse

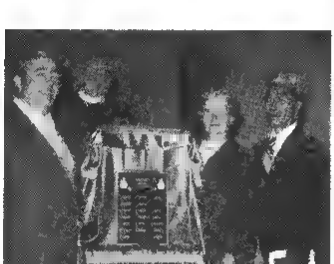
Brass Cross — in loving memory of Peter Pesha (1833-1916) and Henrietta Ward (1839-1911) donated by Mrs C Stafford Pesha in 1978 also Brass Candle Sticks donated in 1980

After the war about 1945- the Craig family donated a large pulpit Bible to the church In 1968 this Bible mysteriously disappeared It was replaced in 1969- by the Craig family in memory of their parents Mr and Mrs Charles Craig and their son Henry who died in the war This Bible is used at the present time (1985)

A public address system was installed in December 1975 It included outlets for connection with tape recorders for the recording of services and extensions for an overflow congregation This was a gift of the Moorhouse and May families in memory of Alice Moorhouse who was concerned with and involved in Christian education at Kew Beach United Church Toronto and Alfred May who came to Canada in 1905, living and working in the Shetland area and a church member till his death in 1965

The Sunday School donated a War Memorial Plaque in memory of the men who died in World War I 1914-1918

In November 1978 a Wooden Plaque was presented containing the Honour Roll 1939-1945 listing the women and men who served in World War II



Unveiling Honour Roll plaque left to right — Glen Elliott Reverend A C. Moorhouse Mrs. Helen (Fred) Fansher Deo Suzuki guest from Florence The names on the plaque are

George Stanley Bolton
R C A F
Clayton Alexander Bolton
Army
Howard Vincent Craig
Army
Russell Carlyle Elliott
R C A F
Henry Raymond Craig*
R C N Halifax
Lloyd Russell May
R C A F
John Donald Smith
Army
Harold Duncan Bollen
Army
Gordon Baird Brownlee
Army
Charles Thomas Dark
R C A F
Robert Sheldon Hay
Army
Jennie Hazel May
R C A F
Herold Everitt Robinson
Army
David Donall Belton
Army
Charles Leslie Morley*
Army Dieppa
Thomas Robert Elliott
R C N
William J Herrod
Army
Thomas Alexander Moorhouse
R C A F
Archie Roydon Smith
Army
Roy Elam Vansickle
Army

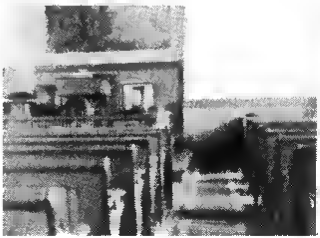
* Gave his life

In April 1976 Mrs. Marion Gray and her family Mrs. Margaret Baddar, Mrs. Maxine McDonald, Alex and Allan donated a lighting system which focuses on the large painting behind the altar, in memory of Duncan Alexander Gray. That same day Mrs. Eunice Fennell and her sister Mrs. Phyllis McCreary, donated the new white and gold pulpit drape and communion table scarf in memory of their parents Douglas Alexander and Bertha (Reycraft) Dobbyn and their brother, Alexander Reycraft Dobbyn.

In 1976 a memorial fund was set up. Mrs. Marion (Donald) Elliott donated a pedestal lectern which came from the McClintock family home and a book was purchased to record the names of those who have had funds donated to the church in their memory. This fund is presently administered by Mrs. Helen (Fred) Fansher - secretary-treasurer. A pianist's hymn book and psalm books have been purchased and it is hoped an organ can be realized in the future.

In 1979, when the stage was removed from in the hall, this brass lamp was found. It was refurbished and is now hanging in the north-west corner of the sanctuary. It was probably in use until about 1900.

In 1971, the United Church Women purchased a Canadian flag to stand beside the Christian flag at the front of the church.



Interior of the church — Past and Present

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS
South side of church front to back

In loving memory of John Henry Powell and his wife Ella Theresa erected by the family 1949

Presented by the Women's Auxiliary 1952

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Reverend Clayton Moorhouse 1871-1940 and Reverend Anson Moorhouse 1871 1965 erected 1967

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Nathan and Emma Moorhouse (Grandparents) Harry and Ila Moorhouse (Parents) by daughters Marion and Pauline 1977

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS
North side of church, front to back

In memory of Thomas Moorhouse 1772-1844
and his beloved wife Jane Hopkins 1783 1869
erected 1953

A Memorial to the Dubbyn Family
Richard 1796 1878 and
his wife Mariah Bober 1799-1869
erected 1954

In loving memory of
Manley Stafford Moorhouse 1870-1943
and his wife Margaret Evelyn Burdon 1869 1924

In loving memory of
Levi Harris Badgley 1876 1953
Sarah Jane Badgley 1878 1955
erected 1977

3 — Church Organizations

WOMEN S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The original name of the first women's group was "Women's Missionary Society of the Shetland Methodist Church" which was founded on May 26 1898 Charter officers were President - Mrs Alex Dobbyn Vice President Mrs Robert Moorhouse 2nd Vice-President — Mrs Thomas Risk Corresponding Secretary Miss Edith Dobbyn Treasurer - Mrs Alex Auld

The group was organized by Mrs Scatchred There were 12 members and they raised funds from teas quilting a quilt ($1 25) and mite boxes On December 1 1898 a bale was packed to be sent to North Bay

In 1889 Mrs Guino was canvasser for The New Outlook This was an early church magazine which preceded the present day "Observer"

It is interesting to note that the "Christian Guardian" mentioned in the early church history had its beginning as a Methodist Church paper in 1829 In 1925 at Church union the Christian Guardian the Canadian Congregationalist and the Presbyterian Witness joined under the name "New Outlook" Thus paper was printed until 1938 when the name was changed to United Church Observer

The money sent to the branch secretary that year was $65 73 and a bale was sent to J Widdrie Merley Alberta to be distributed in the McDougall Orphanage

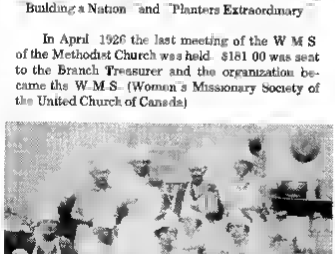
Projects for 1900 are outlined as follows- Easter Thankofferings used for India Relief Fund Sale of goods sent to Ethelbert Manitoba and support of a Bible woman in Shizuoka Money was raised by collecting used stamps 10¢ teas, quilts and mite boxes

In 1902 there were 15 annual members Mrs Cockrane was appointed as superintendent of Systematic Giving and a bale was sent to Reverend M Fish Mattawa Ontario A bale of goods was sent to Muncey in 1904 and in 1905 one hundred plates spoons and cups were purchased for church use Funds from a garden party were used to pay for them

Money raised for the year ending in May 1907 was $30 78 and a bale valued at $36 was packed in December and sent to Resthole The study book for 1909 was "Story of the Years" and in 1910 $25 00 supported a child in the Jennie Ford Orphanage while $35 supplied a cot in the Chengtu Hospital "The King's Business" was studied in 1913 and a total of $131 00 was sent to the Branch Membership increased and by 1916 there were 19 members and $166 05 sent to the Branch treasurer

In 1917 and 1920 bales were sent to White Fish Lake also a barrel of fruit fowl and baking was sent to the Deaconess Home in Toronto For the years 1921 1924 the remittances to the Branch Treasurer dropped to about $100 00 or a bit less Topics studied were "Canada's Share in the World Task" "Building a Nation" and "Planters Extraordinary"

In April 1926 the last meeting of the W M S of the Methodist Church was held $181 00 was sent to the Branch Treasurer and the organization became the W.M.S. (Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada)



SHETLAND KITCHEN KABINET BAND — Back row - Mrs. Charles Stevens Mrs Edwin Moorhouse Mrs John Powell, Mrs Jim Dobbyn Seated - Mrs George Brownlee. Mrs Thomas Moorhouse Marguerite Dobbyn, Mrs George Palmer Mrs Eder Brownlee

LADIES AID GROUP

Officers in 1926 included President - Mrs. A. Dobbyn, Vice-President - Mrs. J.D. Dobbyn, Recording Secretary - Mrs. C. Stevens, Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. T.H. Moorhouse, Treasurer - Miss Elva Johnston. There were 20 members at this time.

From 1926-1936, members averaged 14 and remittances for Mission and Service averaged $123.00. From 1936-1948, members averaged 15 and remittances averaged $113.00. There were 4 life members.

From 1946-1961, members averaged 20 and remittances averaged $186.00. There were 7 life members by then.

In 1962, the Women's Missionary Society became U.C.W. (United Church Women). Officers at that time were President - Mrs. D. Gray, Vice-President - Mrs. H. Dobbyn, Secretary - Mrs. T. Elliott, Treasurer - Mrs. D. Elliott.

From 1962-1972, members averaged 20 and remittances averaged $174.00.

From 1972 on, the number of members has remained fairly constant and the allocation has increased steadily from $265.00 in 1978 to $600.00 in 1984.

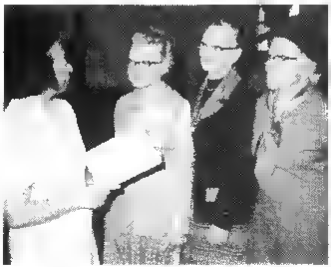
Highlights of the 1978 activities included quilting a "Lone Star" quilt at the Brigden Steam Threshers Show, a garage sale June 9 and 10th realizing a profit of $358.00 and a session at the hall to make Christmas decorations. Several individuals or groups decided to have personal projects to make money to be used to renovate the hall. One such group - Mrs. Ray Moorhouse, Mrs. Fred Fansher and Mrs. Lloyd May decorated bread for table centres, baskets and plaques. These were sold and profits of $700.00 donated to the hall fund.

In 1979, a glass collection amounted to $94.60. Hasti-notes, with the picture of the church on them, were sold and Shetland Picnic lunch booth proceeds were $780.45. Guest speakers for a Resource Centre Program were Bonnie Chater and Marjorie Banks. Miss Susan Balmer was also a guest speaker from Sarnia Centre for children. Dr. R. McClure was a guest for an Oakdale wedding and Oakdale's centennial speaker on May 20, 1979.

A Bible Study Group was organized in January 1979 to be held on Wednesday mornings at 9:30.

A new project for 1980 was visitation and donation of cookies to the local Babcock Homes and Beattie Haven. This was undertaken by U.C.W. and Institute members for the second Tuesday of each month with Mrs. John Neville in charge.

Glass collection amounted to $107.00 more, silverware was purchased for the hall and Mrs. Alfred May celebrated her 90th birthday. Personal projects included Mrs. Jessie (Owen) Dobbyn's handmade Easter eggs; Mrs. Verna (Ron) Rich's



Mrs. A.C. Moorhouse presents Life Memberships to three U.C.W. members in March 1977. Mrs. Marguerite (Jas.) Blake, Mrs. Agnes (Cecil) Tunney, Mrs. Lizzie (Alfred) May.

Tupperware Party and Mrs Jean (Norman) Elliott's organ recital by Mr George Heldt of Chatham. A flea market and garage sale was held November 7; new bowls and bun baskets were purchased for the hall and new fabric Christmas decorations were made for the hall Christmas tree.

The original brass lamp used in the church at the turn of the century was restored and hung in 1981. Decoration day was held at the cemetery on August 9. New floor coverings for kitchen and entry way was discussed and the new manse was nearing completion. A guest speaker for Maxine Elliott's April meeting was Mrs. Marianne Adams, of Sarnia Lambton Home Care Program.

A Japanese cooking session was conducted by David Murata, a Japanese student minister who spent 4 months on the charge. David donated $25.00 to the hall fund and it was used to purchase a small coffee percolator.

Each month the Nursing and Rest Homes are visited. Entertainment in the form of a sing song is conducted with Mrs. Helen (Fred) Fancher at the piano and Lloyd and Marion Mardling leading the singing.

A guest speaker from the Sarnia Lambton Centre for Children and Youth was Mrs. Michael Sluyt. The hall entry and bathrooms were carpeted, a new refrigerator was purchased, new shrubs were planted in front of the church and new chairs for the Sunday school were paid for. Nat returns from catering, a pot luck supper, garage sale, Shetland Picnic booth, glass collection and sale of hastinotes amounted to $6684.12.

The U.C.W. helped support the Youth Group Family Weekend by donating $125.00; the hall was sprayed for post beetles and a cupboard built for storing the vacuum, etc. The hall floor was refinished, new castors were put on the piano, three new kitchen windows were installed for better circulation and the kitchen ceiling was painted. Equipment included the purchase of 25 hall chairs, 2 card tables and 1 extension table. A guest speaker was Mr. McIlmoyle of Glencoe who talked about the Quad County Group Home. As of December 1983 the meeting date was changed to the first Tuesday of each month. The average attendance at meetings was 12 and the conference and allocation was $481.00. There were 10 banquets catered, a glass collection, donations from funeral luncheons, proceeds from Shetland Picnic booth, sale of Hastinotes amounting to $5781.69.

In 1984 - bulletin boards were purchased for the hall and church, a quilt was donated to the Lambton United Church Centre for their July sale and church plates were ordered. The Youth group was given $330.00 for their year's budget.

The new addition was completed at the church and is presently used for a Nursery class during services. Carpeting and lighting was looked after by Mrs. Owen Dobbyn and Mrs. Russell Elliott. Programs included - Women's Roll in the Life of Jesus, speaker Lorraine Gill on colours and seasons, speaker Mrs. Victor Ross on Cuba, discussion on smoking and its affects, explanation on girl guiding, Bible study "Has Jesus Image Changed?" - Under missions it was decided to adopt Rick and Janice (Wolfe) Potter (Mr. Cecil Tinney's granddaughter) who have gone to New Guinea as missionaries for three years. A monthly letter is written to the couple and monthly collection and birthday box money is placed in a special fund for them when they return.

A Poor Boy's luncheon netted $250.00 with

half the proceeds going to the Institute

A painting of the church done by Olive D Miller was donated by Mrs Grace (Harold) Dobbyn, a former member and pianist, and hangs in the hall Net receipts from all projects and activities including donations amounted to $7 680 04 Altogether, $10 513 92 was paid out for congregational expenses by dedicated U C W members

Serving a banquet is not performed by the ladies alone The teenagers act as waitresses and the men pitch in to serve tea and coffee and wash dishes There is great community spirit and fellowship especially when community residents from other faiths offer their assistance too

The 1985 program is well under way Four electric knives and other kitchen equipment has been purchased $100 has been donated for the C G I T camping trip Brooke-Enniskillen U C W gave a demonstration on anti-pornography at a monthly meeting, seven representatives attended the U C W conference at St Paul's Church Sarnia and banners are being planned for the July 14 one hundred fifty year celebration

THE LADIES AID OR WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The exact date and year of founding of the W A at Shetland Methodist Church is not available but it is thought to be about 1915 during World War I The church needed redecorating and since money was scarce at that time the W A was formed to raise money to meet those needs

Some of the charter officers and members were Mrs Milton Moorhouse Mrs John Williams Mrs Charles Stevens, Mrs Henry Johnston Mrs George George Mrs Tom Johnston, Mrs Joseph Dobbyn Mrs James Dobbyn Mrs George Brownlee Mrs Alex Dobbyn Mrs Levi Badgley Mrs John Powell Mrs Clayton Sharp Mrs Edwin Moorhouse Miss Lettie Powell Miss Elva Johnston Mrs T H Moorhouse

It was the duty of the W A to keep the church and hall decorated and pay hydro bills The group had a lunch booth at Shetland picnic each year The booth in the olden days was rather crude consisting of a few boards nailed from tree to tree Many a wet year found rain water getting into delicious pies for there was no roof The butter and milk were kept cold by placing a cake of ice in a wash tub and putting the food on top of it to keep it cold

Then there was the big church supper held each fall following the church anniversary, with a fine program after the meal Each member would bring two or three cooked chickens stuffed with dressing and two or three delicious pies and all the fixings The gala affair was held in the hall basement with no pantry facilities whatsoever not even water However they managed quite nicely Of course, there would always be a house cleaning bee to get things ready for the big occasion This was when anniversary meant attending two services and overflow crowds were required to sit on chairs placed out on the front cement walk The suppers were discontinued about 1941 during war time

The W A was never too widely organized The W M S took the lead and in later years the two groups worked together alternating presidents and holding joint meetings finally amalgamating in 1949.

In January 1962 the Women's Association and the Women's Missionary Society united as United Church Women commonly known as U C W

THERESA POWELL MISSION CIRCLE

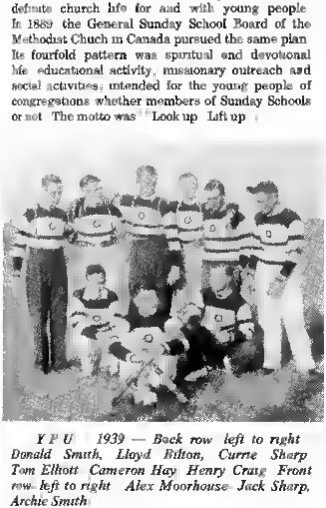
On May 17 1940 the Mission Circle met for the first time at the home of Mrs Douglas Dobbyn Aberfeldy Mrs Aubrey Oldham installed the officers and Mrs Proctor and Mrs Milliken explained the facts and work to be carried out by the organization There were 11 members Advisory President - Mrs Alfred May President Mrs Duncan Gray Vice-President - Mrs Charles Dark Recording Secretary Miss Grace Paddock Corresponding Secretary - Miss Mildred Bolton Treasurer - Miss Evon Spearman Supply Secretary Miss Hazel May Community Friendship - Miss Inez Smith Temperance and Citizenship - Mrs Judson Moorhouse Stewardship and Finance Mrs Hector Gibson Missionary and Watch Tower - Mrs Charles Graham Press Secretary - Miss Betty Drage Literature - Miss Lois Smith Pianist - Miss Lois Smith and Miss Evon Spearman

As attendance grew it became the Evening Auxiliary in 1946 and in 1949 joined the W M S

The projects of the group included - knitting and sewing articles for bales They held teas and had special speakers They made jig-saw puzzles and scrap books Mrs Charles Stevens donated a quilt top Mrs C Stevens and Mrs D Brownlee donated flour sacks for lining and it was quilted at Mrs Duncan Grey's Funds were raised from Thank Offerings, fees envelopes, teas and suppers

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Epworth a village in north-east Lincolnshire England is the birthplace of John and Charles Wesley who wrote many of the hymns we sing The Epworth League was an International Methodist Youth Organization at the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries The organization was first founded in 1880 within Methodist Churches of America because of a need to provide a more definite church life for and with young people In 1889 the General Sunday School Board of the Methodist Chuch in Canada pursued the same plan Its fourfold pattern was spiritual and devotional life educational activity, missionary outreach and social activities, intended for the young people of congregations whether members of Sunday Schools or not The motto was "Look up Lift up"



Y P U 1939 — Back row left to right Donald Smith, Lloyd Bilton, Currie Sharp Tom Elliott Cameron Hay Henry Craig Front row left to right Alex Moorhouse Jack Sharp, Archie Smith

YOUTH GROUP 1979 — Back row left to right Gordon Fansher Joy Moorhouse Craig Moorhouse Wendy Fansher Mrs McClure Christine Elliott Scott Elliott Elizabeth Elliott Michelle Dobbyn. Front row left to right Ken Koke Terry Acton Dr McClure Mary Jane Elliott Norman McAuslan.

The first young people s group was organized by Reverend J Holmes in April 1896 They named it the Shetland Epworth League The first president was Miss Theresa Dobbyn and the first secretary Miss Minnie Powell These meetings were attended by young and old alike

In 1937-38 the Young People had a hockey team and played against an Alvieston team on an outdoor rink In 1939 under the guidance of Dan Gaynor they formed a ball team and even had sweaters with the crest on it

During Dan Gaynor s ministry the group from three churches Shetland, Fansher and Florence had approximately 45 members They put on plays religious dramas and conducted church services

Over the years there has been a Young People s Group of some description some more active than others In 1955 the same Young Peoples was changed to Youth Group Jake Geisbrecht conducted regular meetings with the Youth from the three churches from 1973-1977 Mrs A C (Dickie) Moorhouse led a group within the Shetland church

PROGRAMME

EVENING SESSION

7 15 —Song and Praise led by Rev Clark E Logan.
7 30—Address—Rev Joseph Cook Ph D
8.05—Music—Croton League.
8.05—Tenor—"Crowds and the Empire —Mr Walter Moorhouse
8.20 - Open Discussion
8 50—Music—Florence League
8 35—Address—Rev R D Hamilton
9.05 —Singing
Collection Benediction

Remember the collections The net proceeds of the convention go to Rev G Kaburagi the representative of the District on the Missio Field

League Presidents and senior Pastor compose the circuit executive.

Visitors are welcome

THE
Annual Convention
OF THE
Epworth Leagues,
OF THE
Florence Circuit
Will Convene In The
Methodist Church Florence,
—on—
Monday, May 11th, '03.

Sunday 10th will be League Day at all the appointments

Rev Jos Cook Ph D of Wallaceburg will preach at Shetland, Fanshe and Florence.

Rev J W Hibbert, of Newbury will preach at Huffs, Crotou and Bethel.

R Fanshe Pres Circuit Exec — Miss M. Budd Secretary

This convention program shows that each of the six churches on the Florence Circuit under the ministry of Reverend W. McMullen had a League group

PROGRAMME

MORNING SESSION

10 00—Devotional Exercises led by Rev W McMullen
10.15—Topic—"Spiritual Growth —Miss Etta Campbell.
10.30—Discussion led by Mrs. F. Fansher and Miss E. Kerby
10 40—Music—Shetland League
10 45—Reports of Leagues
11 25—Topic—"Social Work, its Range and Effect."—Miss Annie Hodder
11 40—Discussion led by Messrs W F. Forshee and Thos. Gemmon
11 55—Hymn No. 499
Collection Benediction

AFTERNOON SESSION

2 00.—Devotional Exercises led by Mr John Ward
2 15—Address—Rev R. D. Hamilton
2 45—Music—Fansher League
2.50—Topic—"The Leagues Relation to the Evils of the Day —Miss Mary Dye
1 00—Discussion led by Messrs F Childs and Percy Schutt
Tuberculosis in 10 minutes.
3.25—Music—Bethel League
3.35—Debate—Resolved That the Advantages of Rural Life outweigh its Disadvantages Affirmative —Mr J H Powell, Mrs. E. Bread and Miss J Huston Negative—Miss W Dobbyn Mrs John Emery Mr Milton Moorhouse.
4 35.—Music—Huff's League.
Collection
Hymn No 198. Benediction

from 1977-1981 (more as a senior Sunday school class) Reverend and Mrs Sherwood spoke to the group about their experience in Hong Kong and when Dr McClure - past moderator of the United Church was in the area he spoke to the group answering questions about his missionary work

For the past three years the attendance at Youth Group meetings has ranged between 25 40 under the direction of Reverend Eric Hudson Bible study and fellowship hour has centered on bible verses a study called "How to be a Christian Without being Religious" and in 1984 the theme was "Things" Activities included swimming bowling, baseball, movies winter and summer camp outs skating jogging volleyball campfires and sing songs and Youth Rallys one in Thedford and one in Sarnia In 1982 eleven hundred dollars was raised from a jog-a-thon Three quarters of the proceeds went to the Lambton United Church Centre and one quarter to the Ministry of Personal and Education Fund part of its role is to support the student ministerial body Money was also raised at a Variety Night and a bike a thon In 1984, a car wash raised $750 00 a Christmas birthday party honoured Jesus Christ and the movie "The Hiding Place" was viewed The summer camp weekend was held at Rock Glen and enjoyed by all who attended The winter camp a more serious get together was held at the United Church Centre when 80 90 young people and leaders joined in renewing their faith in God

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP — Front Row left to right - John Fansher Norman Thomson Russell Elliott Martin Smith Dave Bolton. Second row left to right - Verne Dickson Mary Louise Fansher, Rita Rolston, Rev. Don Gaynor. Iva Corlett, Bernice Maynard, Pauline Moorhouse Third row left to right - Irma Paddick, Inez Smith Louella Rolston Jean Walker unknown Laura Thomson Marie Walker Mildred Bolton. Fourth row left to right - Lloyd Bilton Tom Elliott Lloyd Dickson Jack Hind Currie Sharp Andy Thomson, Fred Leeson, Jack Sherp Manson Corlett Donald Smith Fifth row left to right Lloyd Thomson Lionel Jones, Archie Smith Cameron Hay, Charlie Dark, John Maynard Henry Craig Alex Moorhouse, Bert Hay Lloyd Moy

SUNDAY SCHOOL

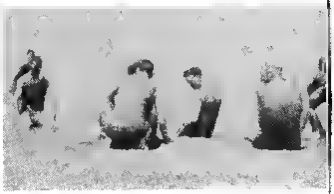
The Sabbath schools as they were called then were mentioned in the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society reports in 1849-1850 so have been in existence since the first churches were built. Walter Moorhouse aptly described the classes he attended as a boy. Classes were held for all ages from 'Beginners' to 'Adults'.

The Sunday School Picnic was the big event of the year often meaning a trip to a nearby lake or park.

In 1976, a project was undertaken by Sunday School pupils in Shetland and those children attending school in Hong Kong, where Reverend and Mrs. Garnet Sherwood were living and teaching. The pupils exchanged tape recordings, snap shots, drawings and letters in order to acquaint themselves with life in each country.

The Sunday school of the 80's ranges from three

In 1977, a large group of Sunday School pupils took part in a White Gift service organized by Dr. and Mrs. A.C. Moorhouse. Christmas customs in many lands were portrayed and a candle lighting ceremony held. The money given in White Gift envelopes was sent to Rev. Garnet Sherwood in Hong Kong to further their mission work there. With the Moorhouses are, left to right, back row: Ronnie Cowell, Barry Elliott, Mandy Rich, Bradley Ross, Janet Elliott. Front, left to right: William Gray, Janice Elliott, Ann Lawson, Jimmy Rich, Greg Biltcliffe.



THE SHETLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC
(the bathing suits depict the era)

year olds in the nursery to the pre-teens in the intermediate class to the Coffee Hour following church for those 14+?

The concern, commitment and dedicated support of the leaders, the session and pastor have made the Sunday school a vital part of the Shetland United Church congregation. The younger children anticipate taking part in family celebrations such as Mother's Day, White Gift Services and Christmas festivities.

Special Mission Sundays help the children understand more about the Church's work in other parts of God's world when they bring their money gifts in Mission boxes. Mrs. Dickie Moorhouse is presently in charge of missions and the groups special mission people are Rick and Jan Potter and their children Jeffrey and Sean. They are of interest to Shetland folk because Janice is a granddaughter of Cecil Tinney. They are working in Papua New Guinea, and the Sunday school pupils here have been exchanging letters and pictures with pupils there.

The new addition on the church provides a nursery room for the newest members of the congregation. Margaret Ann Wright is in charge and little ones are welcomed by volunteers.

The Sunday school picnic in the park, songs, games and toast your own weiners and marshmallows provide another experience in living in God's world.

There are presently 12 dedicated persons in charge of music and teaching with some as part time assistants.

Another generation of Sun day school pupils — back left to right - Nellie Meier Lilly Meier Shannon Bolton Patsy Elliott Dianne Dobbyn. Front left to right – Patsy Dark, Neil Macaulay, Linda Dobbyn, Stuart Sharp holding Brad Sharp Cath erine Elliott, Robert Elliott Sue Anne Elliott, Julie Bolton

Marion and Pauline Moorhouse and Old Jim (the horse) ready to leave for Sunday School

SHETLAND LITERARY CLUB

While Reverend John Button was minustering at Shetland a literary debating club was formed in 1923-1924 Agnes Dobbyn was President Edna McGillivray was Vice-President Margaret Camp bell Secretary and John Aulph Treasurer A paper was printed with Frank Johnston as editor and chief of the Shetland Eye-Opener His assis tants were Nelson Powell and Charles Craig Mon thly meetings were held in the evening in the Shet land Methodist Church Activities included debates such as Resolved that books exert more influence on character than do companions hymn sings and musical numbers A light snack and socializing concluded the club meetings

MEN S CLUB

Through the efforts of Reverend C Wesley Cope a Men s Club was formed in 1943 By the winter of 1946, there were thirty members and they put on an excellent minstrel show However, the pressure of spring work in a farming commun ity and a change of ministers resulted in the club s termination

DAWN EUPHEMIA INTER CHURCH YOUTH FIRESIDE GROUP

For a 5 year period approximately 1949-54 this group included young people aged 14-25 from 6 churches Shetland Florence Fansher Huffs Dawn Valley and Rutherford Average attendance was 40 but at times was as high as 72 Fred Fansher and Dee Suzuki both had terms as presi dent They sponsored carol singers, had an annual open air church service and weiner roast and aided many needy causes The collections sent delegates to the Christian Youth Conference of North America Ministers during this period were Reverend A Thrower Reverend J Barnard and Reverend W S Miner

RELIGIOUS DRAMA CLUB

For a five year period 1951-56 there was an active drama club on the Florence charge Mrs S Miner directed the plays which were presented on an annual basis with an Easter theme Music was provided by Mrs Grace (Harold) Dobbyn The dramas were put on in other centres Alvinston and Moraviantown as well as Shetland

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – 1958 – Florence — Back row left to right Lynda Northcott, Carolyn Breen, Nancy Bilton Centre row left to right Goldwynne Maynard Bill Elliott, Bev Bodkin Carolyn May Front row left to right Louise Jones, Nancy Leeson, Shirley MacRobert Mavara Gawne.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 1983 Oakdale — Senior Group (age 8 to 13) concentrate on their lesson and craft session A mid morning snack and song time conducted by Mary Louise Butler gives the pupils a break Other volunteer workers include Debbie Winders Jerry Knight Anne Dunlop and Betty Leeson in care of supplies Pictured above left to right, back row Stacey Gray Marie Gray Marie Olds (staff) Adrianna Belan Deanna Belan Cindy Stevens Sherie Curtis Cheryl Knight Pat Belan (staff) Seated Chris Butler Marc Addison, Kenny Knight Shawn Butler Jeff Butler

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In the 1950's, when Reverend Woollatt was minister on the 6 point charge, vacation Bible school was held in the Continuation School at Florence. In the early 60's, Shetland became part of the 3 point Oakdale charge and Vacation Bible school was held in Oakdale. In 1982 and 1983, the student ministers organized the school. Quite a number of Shetland children have attended over the years.

OAKDALE PASTORAL CHARGE PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP

This group was formed in the spring of 1982. They met twice a month for an informal sharing of ideas, songs, discussions and scripture readings, which gave meaning, faith and hope to Christian lives. Invited guests shared experiences in the ministry and in the mission field. In 1984, the group did not reconvene.

THE MISSION BAND OF SHETLAND CHURCH

Unfortunately the records of the Mission Band of the Shetland United Church cannot be found, so the information we have is taken from the minutes of the Women's Missionary Society.

The fifth day of August, 1909, the forming of a Cradle Roll was discussed. As there were so few children under five years of age, it was thought best to organize a Mission Circle or a Mission Band. Such motion was voted on and carried - so a letter was sent to a Mrs. Harrison, superintendent of Circles and Bands to come and organize one.

On the seventh day of October, 1909, there is an account of five dollars, paid to Mrs. Harrison of London, for coming to organize a Mission Band which was to be called the "Help-On A Bit" Band. The colours were to be yellow, white and green - those of a daisy.

The first superintendent of the Mission Band was Miss Edith Dobbyn. Others were: Miss Eliza Palmer, Miss Lottie Powell, Mrs. George Palmer, Miss Evelyn Long, Miss Ethel Pasha, Miss Mary Powell, Mrs. Cecil Graham, Miss Marguerite Dobbyn, Miss Agnes Dobbyn, Mrs. T.H. Moorhouse, Mrs. Roy Dobbyn, Mrs. Edward Sharp.

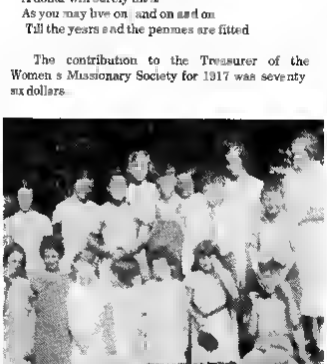
For many years the Mission Band supported a cot in a Chengtu Hospital, China. It was called the "Freddie Fowell Memorial cot" in memory of one of our local young men. Freddie Fowell who passed away in a Windsor Hospital.

The Mission Band was active in different ways for fund raising. One was by having a corner of their own at the Annual Tea and Bazaar, held by the Women's Missionary Society.

Another was their annual Birthday Party. Following is a copy of one of their original invitations:

Only a cent for each year of your life
Will give you a welcome hearty
As invited you are for March, Twenty-first
To our Mission Band Birthday Party
Now if you don't care to tell your age
A dollar will surely hit it
As you may live on and on and on
Till the years and the pennies are fitted

The contribution to the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society for 1917 was seventy six dollars.



SHETLAND MISSION BAND (about 1936) — Front, left to right — Madeline Smith, Donna Leary, Mary Smith, Patricia Leary, Shirley Bolton, Marie Leary, John Drage. Centre, left to right: Ruth Brownlee, Lois Smith, Cecil Brownlee, David Bolton, Alex Bolton, Maurice Smith. Back, left to right: Betty Drage, Margery Gibson, Dorothy Drage, Mrs. George Palmer (leader).

At a special meeting of the society several other auxiliaries were invited to come and hear Miss Annie Martin - a returned missionary - speak. In the minutes we read that the crowning feature of the evening was how the members of the Mission Band catered to the guests in a manner which gave them great credit.

Many times the members of the Mission Band provided the program for the annual family night which the society held. Each year, the July meeting of the Women's Missionary Society took the form of a picnic held at the home of one of their members at which the members of the Mission Band were in charge of the Worship Service.

A most interesting program was organized for the year 1943. On the outside cover of this well prepared program, was a picture of Gentle Jesus, among a number of children. Underneath the picture these words were written —

Children who walk in Jesus' way,
Light shall go with them, day by day.

Each month in 1943, the members of the Mission Band held their meeting at the home of one of the members of the Women's Missionary Society. Here are the names of the members who opened their home to the Band: Mrs. Douglas Dobbyn, Mrs. Cecil Graham, Mrs. James Dobbyn, Mrs. E. Drage, Mrs. Merritt Smith, Mrs. C. Stevens, Mrs. D. Brownlee, Mrs. J. Smith.

In 1944 Mrs. James Blakie was their superintendent, with Miss Betty Drage as assistant.

In 1945 Mrs. Cecil Graham was superintendent. In July, the Women's Missionary Society had as their guests the members of the Baby Band, the Mission Band and the Mission Circle, at the home of Mrs. T. H. Moorhouse.

On December the second, 1945, a special Missionary Service was held in the Shetland Church. The music was provided by the members of the "Help-On-A-Bit" Mission Band. The guest speaker was Miss O'Neil, missionary, who showed slides of her work in China.

It is rewarding to know that many of the members of our little Mission Band of the Shetland United Church have continued to be faithful members of the different organizations of our church and community.

CRADLE ROLL OF THE SHETLAND METHODIST CHURCH

The Cradle Roll was for small children up to the age of four years, when they were old enough to attend Sunday School.

The Shetland Church Cradle Roll was organized in March 1914 and Miss Eliza Palmer was appointed superintendent.

Miss Palmer left the community for other duties and Mrs. Clifton Wilson became superintendent. She filled this office for thirty years. When she was absent for a time Miss Marguerite Dobbyn took her place.

After Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Charles Elliott was appointed followed by Mrs. Duncan Gray and then Mrs. Cecil Tinney.

When the Cradle Roll was started an application form was sent to the parents. On it was recorded the baby's name, date of birth, parent's names, parent's church and date of joining the Cradle Roll.

The parents were given a certificate signed by the pastor and the superintendent. The child was given a small gift on becoming a member and birthdays were remembered with cards.

For a time a Cradle Roll record hung on the wall of the Sunday School beginners' room.

To be a Cradle roll superintendent was a pleasant duty of service within the church.

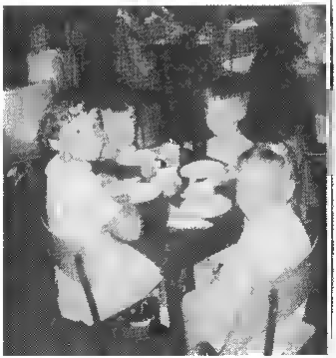
BABY BAND

There was an organized group of tiny tots within the Shetland church during the 40's and 50's. Rula Williams is listed as superintendent in the mid-forties and Mrs. Betty (Rey) Dobbyn is listed as a superintendent in the late 50's.

MESSENGERS

An active group of messengers met on a regular basis during the 60's at the hall or in the leader's homes. They studied children in other lands, did craft work, and gave their collections to missions. Leaders and assistants included Mrs. Joyce (Edward) Sharp, Mrs. Audrey (Alex) Bolton, Mrs. Jean (Norman) Elliott, Mrs. Dorothea (Raymond) Moorhouse and Mrs. Betty (Rey) Dobbyn.

BABY BAND



MESSENGERS — A group of Shetland youngsters attending their Messengers tea at the hall. Left to right — Linda Meyer, Elizabeth Elliott, Wendy Fansher and Carol Johnston.

EXPLORERS

Explorers started on the Oakdale charge about 1968. Meetings have been held in Oakdale and the leaders were from the Oakdale area until 1984. In 1982 there were 21 members - only 1 from Shetland. Activities have included taking part in a worship service at Oakdale, attending a World Day of Prayer service, listening to missionary speakers from Haiti, South America, etc., going to Explorer Camp at Lamrecton, preparing Christmas treats for shut-ins, skating parties and holding a Mother and Daughter banquet to conclude the yearly program. Fund raising activities have included selling plant hangers, T-shirts, holding a bake sale and Poor Man's lunch. The proceeds cover local expenses and the remainder goes to missions and the Bible Society. In 1984 two dedicated leaders from Oakdale, Melbe McLennan and Marguerite Butler retired after many years of service. The group now meets at Oakdale hall on every second Tuesday from 7:30. The program has been modernized so a new purpose, prayer and hymn had to be learned. New leaders and helpers are carrying out the format of this interdenominational group.

NEW EXPLORERS — In December 1984 an Initiation Ceremony was held at Oakdale hall for the Explorer Group. The girls received their "red" star for learning their promise, motto, prayer and hymn. Back, left to right: leaders Jackie Urquhart, Edy's Mills, Jill Hudson, Oakdale; Karen Harris, Oakdale; Bonnie Elliott, Shetland; Marie Olds, Oakdale Centre; left to right - Michelle Loosemore, Jill Osborne, Kathy Urquhart, Jennifer McGuire, Neela Peters, Heidi McGuire. Front, left to right: Jennifer Osborne, Krista Barnes, Adrianna Belan, Kerry Phillips, Kay Lien Peters and Jennifer Elliott. In May, 1985 Adrianna Belan, Sueann Elliott, Kerry Phillips and Krista Barnes graduated to C.G.I.T.

C G I T

Canadian Girls in Training is an interdenominational group a National Organization with 10,000 members throughout the world, which celebrates its 70th anniversary this year (1986).

The C G I T for Shetland Oakdale and Edys Mills area was organized with the help of Reverend Dick Clark in September 1962. Meetings were held in Oakdale Community Hall under the leadership of Mrs. Hugh Leeson with Mrs. Lorne Deighton and Mrs. Wesley McKay as assistants. There were 24 members. Officers that first year 1962-1963 were - President - Diane Brown, Secretary - Diane Wagner, Treasurer - Joan Stinson.

In 1963-64 Mrs. Clayton Moore and Mrs. Donald Elliott were assistants. Due to increased membership the group was divided into 2 parts - 14 seniors and 15 juniors. Senior President - Nancy McLennan. Senior Secretary – Shannon Bolton, Junior President - Lois Barnes. Junior Secretary - Lois Leitch. Treasurer for both groups was Margaret Brown.

In 1964-65, Mrs. Ray Mackie was assistant. There were 19 members. President – Gail Mackie. Secretary - Patricia Elliott. Treasurer – Lynda LaFointe.

Each meeting consisted of a worship service, Bible study, crafts and games. Mrs. Wayne Leeson came from time to time and led the singing. Several times a speaker was invited to attend.

Used stamps were collected and money from the sale of these went to help support a Leper Colony. Each year, the girls held a Hallowe'en Party. During December, they went caroling at the homes of sick and shut-ins. They also made tree ornaments, candle holders, stars and angels which were used at special Candlelight services in Oakdale Church.

Presents were sent to the Southwestern Regional Centre at Cedar Springs and plastic Easter baskets and cotton rabbits were made and sent to War Memorial Children's hospital in London. Chocolates were sold for Mother's Day.

The C G I T ended each year's program with a Mother and Daughter Banquet followed by films.

One of the highlights each year was the Camp Rally at Lamrecton. Many of the girls attended Lamrecton camp in the summer.

From 1966 until 1978 the C G I T was inactive. In 1978, Mrs. A.C. (Dickie) Moorhouse reorganized a group within the Oakdale charge. Those who assisted Dickie over the 5 year period were Mary McKinley, Linda Havens and Verna Rich.

Girls aged 12 to 17, met on alternate Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 at Shetland Hall, which resounded with chatter, singing, laughing, giggles, quiet games, thundering games, quiet prayers, discussions, Bible readings, table fellowships and craft sessions. Other activities included preparing a World Day of Prayer service, sharing in a Leadership workshop, going roller skating in Sarnia, preparing for a Pops 'n Pie party and bake sale, making Christmas crafts, sharing in a Christmas party and special Christmas story time and discussions on the motto – Cherish health, seek truth, know God, serve others. In 1982, seventy-five dollars was donated to the World Development, Service and Relief.

In 1983 a successful Christmas bazaar luncheon and raffle was held at Shetland hall. The $550.00 proceeds was used to support the Oakdale charge C G I T movement and other charities. Left to right: Mrs. Evelyn Douglas of Alvinston choses a Christmas corsage from the display. Sandra Cross of R.R. 2 Bothwell, Leader Nanette Barnes of Shetland and Mandy Rich of R.R. 2 Florence represent the C G I T.

Fund In 1983 one hundred twenty-five dollars was sent to World Development and Service Fund and twenty-five dollars to the Sarnia-Lambton County C G I T. workboard. Other activities included a swimming party in Wallaceburg and Pizza party at Shetland. The Pops n Pie Party was a great success netting $247.00. Mission study was on South Pacific shores, Fiji and Papua New Guinea. At the Mother and Daughter banquet gifts and thanks were given to Verna Rich and Linda Havens as assistants and a special gift to Mrs. A.C. Moorhouse in recognition of five years of dedicated leadership in the C.G.I.T. In 1984, Linda Havens and Nanette Barnes provided leadership for the girls. Mission Study was on Korea. Activities included a toboggan party, swimming and a very successful Christmas bazaar and luncheon. Five hundred fifty dollars in proceeds were realized with $50.00 given to the Oakdale Youth Winter Camp and $100.00 to the World Development and Service Fund. There are 13 members in 1984-85.

TYROS

This was another boys' group led by Lyle Knight of Edy's Mills. The boys aged 7 to 12 met at the Dawn Central School for a Christian Education Program. This group was active in the 70's.

SIGMA C

This was a boys group for those aged 12-18. It was active in the 50's.

THE CHOIR

The first mention of a musical instrument was the donation of an organ in 1882 by the young people of the congregation. Henry A. Fenby (1855-1910) is recorded as being organist at one time in the new brick church.

In 1899, Miss Baines took the position of organist until Ethel Moorhouse returned from her musical studies. Don Ward was choir leader.

From the annual meeting minutes — 1910, it was approved that $3.00 be given to the choir to buy music. In 1916 it was decided that the front platform in the church be rebuilt as desired by the choir. So as a result the platform was lowered. Bertha Dobbyn was another organist. Mrs. Muriel (Thos. H.) Moorhouse spent many years teaching music in the community - was pianist at the church and accompanist when the school children went to music festivals. Each spring, she held a music recital and the hall was packed with an appreciative audience. Proceeds from the recital were given to the library board.

Mrs. Muriel (Thos. H.) Moorhouse

Mrs. Grace (Harold) Dobbyn

SINGING GROUP ON FLORENCE CIRCUIT — Early 1900's (Shetland Fansher Florence) — Seated front, left to right - Ernest Hanson, Levi Badgley, Henry Jerome, Philip Fansher, William Fordham. Back row, left to right - Burton Fansher, William Davis, William Cross, Roland Moorhouse, A.D. McGugan, Edwin Moorhouse.

PRESENT CHOIR — Back row, left to right - Scott Elliott, Gordon Fansher, William Gray, Robert Gray, Burt Powers, Amanda Rich, Alex Gray (director). Centre row, left to right - Nancy Rich, Janice Elliott, Mary Jane Lambrecht, Margaret Ann Wright, Janet Elliott, Marilyn Powers, Catherine Osborne (assistant director). Front row, left to right - Jim Rich, Barry Elliott, Doug Powers, Marie Gray, Valerie Playfoot, Stacey Gray, Deanna Prangley (pianist). Absent - Wendy Fansher, Elizabeth Elliott, Greg Bulcliffe, Chris Bulcliffe, Lisa Clifford, Ron Cowell and Ruth Elliott.

Mrs Grace (Harold) Dobbyn devoted 37 years to the church as pianist and choir director When the Debbyos retired and moved to Florence Geraldine McFadden was pianist for a while Others who helped out were Mrs Jean (Norman) Elliott, Mrs Catherine (Robert) Osborne and Mrs Mary (Victor) Ross

Those who sang solos or in mixed groups included Delbert Brownlee, Mrs and Mr. Edwin Moorhouse Mrs Alfred May Mrs Frances (Judson) Moorhouse Gordon and Mary Smith and Emma Dobbyn Over the past 20 years many choir members have capably sung special parts on special occasions.

In 1974 Deanne Elliott became pianist with Alex Gray as choir director In 1978 Catherine (Elliott) Osborne became assistant director In 1985, Deanna is still pianist, but she is now Mrs Wm Prangley

With much enthusiasm a new project was begun in November 1982 It was decided to have a Cantata Choir, so 44 persons from Shetland Oakdale, Edy's Mills and Oil Springs congregations met twice a month to practise on Sunday evening The Cantata "Come Together" a musical experience in Love by Jimmy and Carol Owens was very successfully presented 5 times Deanna Prangley was pianist and Jill Hudson was director In 1984, an Easter Cantata "In His Presence" was performed 6 times with Joy Badder as pianist and Jill Hudson director This spring (1985) Deanne Prangley accompanied the group with Jill Hudson directing four performances of "No Greater Love" by J W Peterson.

For the past 5 years, the choir members have served breakfast to the Garage Motor Cycle Group, who camp in the area one weekend in July In 1982, they had a profit of $300 00 In 1984 the choir donated $920 00 to the Church Building Fund

CANTATA CHOIR — 1983 — Row 5 left to right — Alex Gray, Don Moorhouse, Carl May, Rev. Ewart Madden, Darrell Szusz, Ron Sharp, Carl Hudson, Bill McGuire. Row 4 left to right — Dick Butler, Lee Butler, Lloyd Belan, Doug McGuire, Al Olds, Robert Elliott, Allan Gray, Rev. Eric Hudson. Row 3 left to right — Laura McGuire, Melba McLennan, Mary Louise Butler, Grace Adams, Anne Harris, Karen Moorhouse, Pat Belan, Mary Lee Apps. Row 2 left to right — Beatrice Madden, Catherine Osborne, Pat Zimmerman, Margaret Dunlop, Elaine Leeson, Marie Olds, Gene Ann Dunlop, Peggy Melton. Front row left to right — Joyce King, Jane King, Lynn Hudson, Ann Dunlop, Dawn Hudson, Karen Harris, Margaret Ann Wright, Nancy Rich, Wendy Fansher. Along the wall — Director — Jill Hudson, Janet Elliott, pianist, Deanne Prangley

4 — Community Organizations

SHETLAND GUN CLUB

On January 17, 1961, it was decided to form a Gun Club in Shetland. The basement of the church hall was the meeting place for target practise and business meetings. The first officers were: President - Donald Thompson. Vice-President - Earl Prangley. Secretary - John Drage. Treasurer – Tom Elliott. Range Committee - Cliff Gawne, Neil Brown, Russ Elliott, Jack Elliott, George Elliott and Herold Graham.

The age limit for members was 14 years or High School entrance. The group joined the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and 30 membership cards were purchased at 50 cents each. The township council was asked for money, to help raise pheasants, to be freed when grown, and a $100 grant was received. That first year 325 pheasants were released and the feed cost $69.50. Two hundred and fifty "NO TRESPASSING" signs were purchased to be resold and a turkey shoot was held at Shetland Park in December.

In 1962 membership dues were $2.00, rising to $3.00 in 1968, $4.00 in 1970, $5.00 in 1972 and $8.00 in 1975. Each year $10.00 rent was paid for the premises with $5.00 going to the hall board and $5.00 to the U.C.W.

In 1963, 458 pheasants were released and a turkey shoot was held in conjunction with the Oakdale Gun Club. A partition was constructed in the basement for target practise in 1964 and an oil stove was set up for heating. A ham shoot was held on March 17, 1965 and Wild Game cookbooks were sold in 1966. A competition for a Club crest was held in 1968. Donald Craig, from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, spoke to the group about their bird nesting program in 1975. At that time there were 14 members and officers were: President – Dick Fennell, Vice-President - Hugh McCahon, Treasurer – Jack Elliott and secretary – John Drage. Somehow, the 1976 season organization did not materialize and the Shetland Gun Club met its demise. Now memories recall the socializing, the practise, marksmanship, gun safety lessons and the competitions - all part of a community activity.

Jack Elliott and Norman Cameron

ROBIN HILL SNOWMOBILE CLUB

This club was formed in the winter of 1968-69 with Floyd Secord of R.R. 2, Thamesville as president, Wayne Cadotte as vice-president and Blake Lunn as secretary-treasurer. It started with 25 members and membership included the wife and children. The group joined the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, which promoted safety and had the location of trails listed. Meetings were held at Robin Hill farms and trail runs were either started from the Sharp farm or the members went in cars, van to Exeter, Grand Bend, Port Albert and Rondeau Park. These were family outings, often concluding with a weiner roast in the woods. In 1970-71 there were 44 members. After an existence of 8 years, the club disbanded in 1978.

FARM FORUM AT SHETLAND

A weak and faltering farm forum was born in the fall of 1944 at Shetland. Mr. Ed Hunter of the National Film Council presented a film to a large audience, then he and Mr. Orville Shugg of Brooke tried to organize 3 farm forum groups in the area. Only one young man consented to act as secretary, so only the Shetland forum was begun. The other two centres had a "wait and see" attitude. According to Mr. Hunter, the meetings should be held in the homes rather than a community centre for better attendance.

That December, the meetings were held in the school with very small attendance – and the interest was a fragile infant indeed. 1945 was ushered in with snow and more snow. The roads became impassable for cars and the trail down the centre wove in and out and up and down until only sleighs could be used. When it was time for the forum meeting the big question was "where and how?"

In response, an enterprising housewife called the secretary and the group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elliott travelling by sleigh to get there. Problems were earnestly discussed and everyone enjoyed lunch and a social time together. The next meeting was held at Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Moorhouses with a good attendance. The sleigh ride was enjoyed by all, when they couldn't get out to near by towns to the theatre or concerts.

Another meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Dobbyn. Folks arrived on foot or by sleigh as the snow continued. Meetings continued and the interest increased, as folk listened to the radio broadcasts and discussed the topics presented. Meetings on Monday night during the winter months were a custom for years, and were held in the school and the hall disproving Mr. Hunter's claim that farm forum would die if it wasn't nurtured in a warm home atmosphere.

The spirit of good fellowship was promoted as forums entertained each other, and horizons broadened.

At the end of the season in 1951 a box social was held. Attractive boxes, a genial auctioneer, and a good program made the evening a pleasant money making event. In January 1952 Mrs. Cecil Tinney was sent as a delegate to Mandaumin Folk School. Later the same year Mrs. Bert Elliott was sent as a delegate to the provincial conference in Toronto. One of the members, Mrs. Delbert Brownlee, was chairman of the County commission for 2 years. In December 1952 Mrs. Myers Elliott was delegate to the leadership school in Petrolia. That year the group ended the season with a theatre party and lunch. In 1951 a busload of members went to Guelph during Farmers' Week. Another time a bus trip took folk to Greenfield Village and the Ford Museum.

A worthy project completed was the installation of coat racks in the community hall and many a time a helping hand was given to a member of the community in need. Not only did members know and understand each other better, but they gained an appreciation of national and county farm organizations.

As in most areas, change takes place and with the advent of television, the farm forum folded at the end of the 1964-65 season.

FOLK SCHOOLS

Folk schools were sponsored by the Farm Forum organizations. They were for adults 18-80 years of age and were a form of continuing education. They provided fellowship, co-operation and love - a rewarding experience that gave an individual participant a new insight into abundant living.

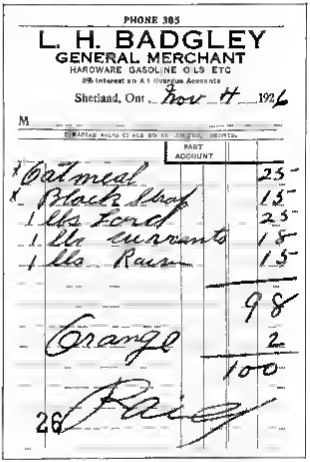
Folk school began in Lambton County in January 1951 and Shetland had the honour of hosting the first 7 day school at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Tinney, sponsored by the Lambton Farm Forum Committee.

"The Community and My Place in It" was the theme. People came from all parts of the county on different days to glimpse a folk school in action and take part in the various activities of the day.

The forum members planned, prepared and served for as many as 44 people at one meal and also billeted students in their homes. Changes in the county over the years brought about the discontinuance of folk schools following the 17th school held at Fairbank's House, Petrolia in 1965, with the theme "Art of Living".

SHETLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Shortly after 1870, "The Grange" was carried on in Shetland. It originated as an American agrarian movement getting its name from the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, founded in 1867. Local units were called granges and its members grangers. Although established originally for social and educational purposes they became political forums and channels of farmer protests against economic abuses of the day.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Next came the Farmers' Institutes which were formed for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to agriculture and for the development of local talent. The Ontario Government sponsored the formation of this group in 1884. Early in 1896, Dr. Harrison, Professor of Bacteriology at O.A.C. was berated by Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless for failing to do anything for farm women and children, while great efforts were being made to disseminate information on the care and breeding of livestock. As a result, Mrs. Hoodless was invited to address a conference at Guelph where she told a male audience they were more concerned about the health of their animals than the health of their children and that they fed their pigs and cattle more scientifically than they fed their families. In 1897, Mrs. Hoodless spoke to a group of 101 women and one man, Erland Lee, who was secretary of the Farmers' Institute in Wentworth County. An association known as the "Women's Department of Domestic Economy in Affiliation with the Farmers' Institute of South Wentworth" was formed and Mrs. Hoodless became the Honorary President. Rules stated that "Each Women's Institute shall be affiliated with the Farmers' Institute in the district" and "Each Women's Institute shall receive a grant of $10 annually from the Department on condition that an equal sum be granted by the county council or municipality in which the Institute is organized or from the local Farmers' Institute."

The Farmers' Institute had a superintendent in a Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture (now the Department of Agriculture and Food), and the Institute women asked that their organization also have a place in this Branch. Mr. F.W. Hodson, superintendent of Farmers' Institute in 1897, automatically became the first superintendent of Women's Institutes. He was succeeded by Dr. George Creelman until 1904. Then Mr. George Putnam directed the Institutes for the next 30 years. However, the Farmers' Institute passed out of existence in 1921.

Mrs. Andrew Adams
First President of
Shetland Women's
Institute

Miss Lettie Powell
(1875-1937)
1st Sec.-Treas. of
Shetland W.I. - also
1st Sec. of W.M.S.

In 1907 the Farmers Institute of Shetland Community held a meeting in Shetland Hall. They had a government lecturer to address them and a lady came along to meet with the ladies in the church across the road. The Shetland Women's Institute was organized with Mrs. Andrew Adams as president and Miss Lethe Powell as secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Milton Moorhouse was one of the first members. The first meeting was held at the Adam's home and more members joined. Mrs. Adams suggested that they have a motto, "If you know a good thing, pass it on." It was decided that the Society be called "The Women's Mutual Aid and Improvement Society", that a speaker be engaged for the June meeting, and that afternoon and evening meetings be held. The second meeting was held at Mrs. Sharp's home in the evening on April 24th. Mrs. Sharp and Miss E. Dobbyn gave papers on "House-cleaning" and Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Powell gave papers on "Flowers and their care" and "Gardening".

INSTITUTE GRANDMOTHERS IN 1947 — Front row left to right: Mrs. Jim Dobbyn, Mrs. Alex Dobbyn, Mrs. Joseph Dobbyn, Mrs. Tom Playfoot, Mrs. Bert McAuslan, Mrs. Charles Stevens. Back row left to right: Mrs. Clayton Sharp, Mrs. Jim Elliott, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. Robert Moorhouse, Mrs. Levi Badgley, Mrs. A. May, Mrs. George George.

Through the years, the Shetland Women's Institute has accomplished a great deal in the community. They provided the school children with cups and dishes for hot lunches, helped equip the hall with dishes for suppers and banquets, made donations to such groups as Boy Scouts, Fair Board, Twilight Haven, Old People's Homes and the Central Schools and sponsored the 4-H Homemaking Club. Many a needy family has been helped in some way.

The Institute sponsors the girls 4-H Club: back, left to right — Carol Johnston, Cathy Ross, Mary Jane Elliott, Kathy Downie, Margaret Ann Gray, Wendy Fansher. Front, left to right: Lana Wright, Donna Macaulay, Mrs. Joan (Alex) Gray, Mrs. Joanne (Warren) Powers, Christine Elliott.

The ladies from Shetland are looking at the colourful sugar fruits which made up part of their display at Brigden in 1975. Left to right: Mrs Luella (Robert) Bilton, Mrs Alma (Neil) Brown, Mrs. Doreen (Glenn) Elliott, Mrs. Marion (Don ald) Elliott, Mrs. Dorothea (Ray) Moorhouse

Programme

SHETLAND BRANCH

—OF THE—

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

1955 1956

Institute Ode

A goodly thing it is to meet
In friendship's circle bright,
Where nothing mars the pleasure sweet,
Or dims the radiant light.
No unkind word our lips shall pass,
No envy sour the mind;
But each shall seek the common weal
The good of all mankind

Meetings Third Wednesday of each month.

—JUNE 15—

EVENING—At Hall
GRANDMOTHERS MEETING
Conveners : Mrs Del. Brownlee
Mrs E. Buckrell
Roll Call : An Outstanding Incident about my Grandmother
Travelogue : Mrs Bert Elliott
Report of Dist. Annual : Mrs. R. Bilton
Lunch : Mrs C. Tinney Mrs R. Milton
Mrs. A. Elliott
Sale of Goods

—JULY 20—

EVENING
Hostess—Mrs. Lola Bilton
Roll Call : An Edible Weed
Theme : Agriculture & Canadian Industries, Mrs. L. Becker
Demonstration : Girls' Garden Club
Lunch : Mrs Ira Bilton Mrs A. May

—SEPT. 21—

EVENING
Hostess : Mrs Lee Cross
Roll Call : How could I be a better Citizen ?
Theme : Citizenship & Education, Mrs F. Johnston
Demonstration : Icing a Cake
Mrs R. Elliott
Lunch : Mrs. J. Moorhouse
Mrs. H. Dobbyn
Sale of Goods.

—OCT. 19—

EVENING— In Hall
Roll Call : What would I do, when I do what I please ?
Entertain District Officers and other Institutes
Entertainment supplied by Visiting Institutes
Lunch : Social Committee

—NOV. 17—

AFTERNOON
Hostess : Mrs. C. Sharp
Roll Call : A Famous Woman in the Bible
Theme : Historical Research
Mrs. S. Moorhouse
Lunch : Mrs D. Dobbyn, Mrs C. Elliott

—DEC. 14—

AFTERNOON
Hostess : Mrs. E. Buckrell
Roll Call : White Gifts for Children's Aid
Christmas Program : Mrs. May
Lunch : Mrs Playfoot, Mrs. J. Blakie

—JAN. 15—

AFTERNOON
Hostess : Mrs Cowell
Roll Call : The most neighborly thing that ever happened to me.
Theme : Community Activities & Pub. Relations : Mrs. McGillivray
Current Events : Mrs S. Moorhouse
Lunch : Mrs C. Tinney Mrs. R. Dobbyn.

—FEB. 15—

AFTERNOON
Hostess : Mrs. Russell Elliott
Roll Call : A Valentine Verse
Valentine Programme : Mrs. C. Elliott
Sale of Goods
Apron Parade and Pattern
Lunch : Mrs M. Elliott, Mrs C. Sharp

—MARCH 15—

AFTERNOON
Hostess : Mrs. A. May
Roll Call : Sing, Say or Pay
An Irish Story : Mrs Jas. Blakie
A Paper on Women's Legal Rights, Miss Elva Johnston
Lunch : Mrs. F. Johnston,
Mrs Del. Brownlee.

—APRIL 19—

EVENING
Hostess : Mrs. C. Tinney
Roll Call : Paying Fees
Election of Officers & Reports
Variety Programme
Lunch : Mrs. R. Robinson
Mrs. L. Becker

—MAY 17—

EVENING
Hostess : Mrs. Roland Dobbyn
Roll Call : What my husband does that pleases me the most
Guest Speaker
Sale of Goods
Lunch : Mrs. Drage
Mrs D. McGillivray

During war times the ladies did knitting, sewing and sent parcels to the men overseas. Over the years they have taken advantage of self-improvement courses offered in sewing, millinery, rug making, cooking, home decorating, choosing of fabrics etc.

Collections have been made on an annual basis for Muscular Dystrophy and the Cancer Society.

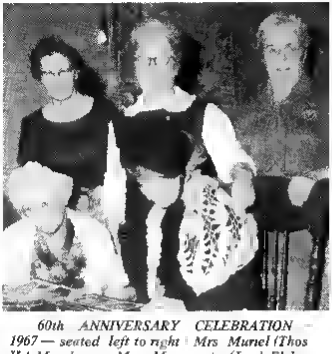
Each Christmas, rather than exchange gifts amongst themselves, each member brings a toy to be donated to the Cloverleaf Nursery School for Handicapped Children at Wardsville.

Meetings have provided for demonstrations, guest speakers, films, preparation for fair exhibits and prize winning floats and many interesting bus trips.

In 1957 the Shetland Institute celebrated its 50th Anniversary as well as the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute at Stoney Creek, Ontario by Adelaide Hunter Hoodless.

In recognition of the event a pot luck supper was held for approximately 100 present and past members and their husbands, served by the 4-H Club girls. Mrs. Frances (Judson) Moorhouse was president. Two of 3 charter members were present - Mrs. S. Armstrong of Newbury and Mrs.

FRIZE WINNING FLOAT at Florence Fair 1963 — Left to right - Ronald Sharp, Mrs. Marion (Duncan) Gray, Mrs. Lizzie (Alfred) May, Mrs. Ree (Elmer) Buckrell, Mrs. Marguerite (Jas.) Blake.



60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — 1967 — seated left to right - Mrs. Muriel (Thos. H.) Moorhouse, Mrs. Marguerite (Jas.) Blake. Standing left to right - Mrs. Luella (Robert) Bilton, Mrs. Lenore (John) Cracknell, Mrs. Grace (Merritt) Smith.

T. Biltoe of Florence. Mrs. Clifton Wilson of Bothwell was unable to attend. Mrs. Biltoe recalled the terrific amount of work the Institute had done for the Red Cross in war time, how they had sold tickets on a horse, which had been donated and in so doing had raised $255.00. When the ticket was drawn, by strange coincidence, it belonged to the donor. She remembered that the Institute had bought one of the first vacuum cleaners and rented it out to the members for 50¢ a day. It took 2 people to operate it - one to provide suction power by working a pumping pad, while another operated the hose to gather in the dirt. Mr. Roland Dobbyn proposed a toast to the ladies and Miss Elva Johnston replied. The guest speaker, Mrs. Floren MacDougall was introduced by Mrs. Myers Elliott and thanked by Mrs. Robert Biltoe.

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary, more than 80 persons attended a dinner and family night at the Shetland Hall. Guest speaker was Mrs. Lenore (John) Cracknell, R.N. who spoke on "Children and Food". Mrs. Maxine (Thos.) Elliott was in charge of the program. Mrs. T.H. Moorhouse and Mrs. Jas. Blake put on a skit depicting olden days.

in Shetland. Vocal duets were sung by Patsy and Catherine Elliott. The children's choir of Shetland and area sang centennial selections under the direction of Mrs. Harold Dobbyn. President was Mrs. Luella (Robert) Bilton. Mrs. Merritt Smith of Florence was president of Lambton South district at the time. There was a membership of 21 in 1967.

This year the Shetland Women's Institute has been in existence for 78 years and has a membership of 14. Mrs. Alma (Ned) Brown is president. Mrs. Luella (Robert) Bilton is secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Marion (John) Neville was installed as President of Lambton South district on May 23.

SHETLAND INSTITUTE CELEBRATES 75th ANNIVERSARY - 1982 — A dessert euchre and visiting Institute members marked the 75th Anniversary of the formation of Shetland Institute. Approximately 40 persons attended in spite of the windy, rainy weather on Wednesday afternoon, October 20 at the Shetland Hall. Mrs. Evelyn Playfoot, secretary-treasurer of the Shetland organization made and decorated a beautiful tiered anniversary cake which was cut by President Mrs. Louelle Bilton (centre). Visiting dignitaries were left to right: Mrs. Edeen Parking, Croton, secretary-treasurer for Lambton South; Mrs. Amy Seger, Croton, District President and a member of Rutherford W.I.; Mrs. Luella Bilton, R.R. 2, Florence; Mrs. Marion Neville, R.R. 1, Inwood, Past President of Shetland W.I. and 2nd Vice-President for the district; Mrs. Sylvia Morwood, R.R. 4, Alvinston, secretary of Aughrim W.I. and Provincial Board director, Subdivision 25.

With improvement of the rural home in mind, the motto, "For Home and Country" was selected in 1902 and since then has been officially adopted.

About 1915, Women's Institute reports were part of a Report of the Minister of Agriculture, then the Canadian Home Journal, a magazine now discontinued, gave publicity to the Women's Institute activities. In 1924, the Ontario Department of Agriculture published a 4 page "Women's Institute News Bulletin" and in 1933 the bulletin was replaced with a 4 page paper called "Home and Country". Now the size has increased considerably and it is still read world wide.

Miss Mary Stewart wrote the Collect as a prayer for the day and called it a "Collect for Club Women" because she felt that women working together in an organization was something new and that perhaps they had need for special petition and meditation of their own. It was published in 1904 and adopted throughout the world by English speaking women.

Keep us O Lord from pettiness; let us be
large in thought in word and deed.

Let us be done with fault finding and leave
off self seeking.

May we put away all pretence and meet
each other face to face, without self pity and
without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and
always generous.

Let us take time for all things; make us grow
calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses
straight forward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize that it is the little
things that create differences; that in the
big things of life we are one.

And may we strive to touch and know the
great human heart common to us all; and
O Lord God let us not forget to be kind.

1985 INSTITUTE EXECUTIVE — Seated Mrs Edna (Myers) Elliott and Mrs Marguerite (Jas.) Blake who are Tweedsmuir curators Standing left to right Mrs Evelyn (Wm.) Playfoot - Family and Consumer Affairs convener Mrs Joyce (Edward) Sharp - Agriculture and Canadian Industries convener Mrs Joanne (Warren) Powers - 4-H leader Absent - Mrs Betty (Jack) Elliott - Education and Cultural Activities convener Mrs Jackie (Robert) Bilt cliffe - Citizenship and World Affairs convener

AREA BIBLE STUDY GROUP — In May 1984 a luncheon was held at Shetland Hall, with guests from the Oakdale and Edys Mills groups Approximately 40 attended Guests included left to right Mrs Marie Johnston of Rutherford Mrs Jessie Dobbyn of Shetland Mrs Pat Belan of Oakdale and Mrs Lenore Cracknell of Brentwood Acres Thamesville

SHETLAND LITERARY SOCIETY

For three years from 1974-1976 the Shetland Literary Society hosted an annual poetry reading session at Shetland Conservation Area. The meetings were sponsored by the Canadian Authors Association Sarnia branch, Watford Creative Writers group and the Shetland Literary Society Lambton County poets and novelists read some of their recent poems Familiar names connected with this event were Ruth Leitch Alvinston, Hope Cameron and Norma Linder, Sarnia, John and Peggy (Fletcher) Drake, R R 1 Inwood Ray Will, Petrolia and local librarian, Dorothea Moorhouse, R R 2 Florence Attendance averaged 25 persons and the evening concluded with a weiner roast

AREA INTERDENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY GROUP

In January 1979 a Bible study and prayer group was formed Usually 10-12 members meet, in a home on Wednesday morning at 9:30 The main study is Friendship Bible Coffees put out by Stonecroft Publishers Many denominations have been represented over the past 6 years Anglican, Catholic United Dutch Reform Brethren and Pentecostal Other area groups meet at Oakdale, Edy s Mills, Cairo and Thamesville Usually in May, a luncheon is sponsored by one of the study groups and other groups are invited to enjoy the fellowship

JUNIOR FARMERS

The first Junior Farmers meeting was held in 1949, organized by Don Cassie, principal of the Florence Continuation School John Fansher was President Wally Annett was Vice-President Starr Macaulay was 2nd Vice-President and Keith Elliott was Secretary-Treasurer

That first year, four members represented the club in the Amateur Entertainment Competition at county zone and provincial levels and won the top honour Participants were Fred and Lucy Ann Fansher, who put on a skit and Eunice Dobbyn sang, accompanied by Grace Jackson

Also in 1949 the Junior Farmers sponsored the first Euphemia 4-H Calf Club, which is still

active 36 years later and a corn club which was phased out over the years. Ted Sharp, Ross Tinney and Don Walker won first prize for the Junior Farmer Corn Club competition at the Royal Winter Fair. Other 4-H clubs organized in Euphemia since that time have been the Swine Club, Field Crop Club, Horse Club, Tractor Club and Farm Machinery Club. Lucy Ann Fansher also spent a week at Provincial Leadership camp at Lake Couchiching in 1949.

Sports competitions were great fun! Field Days were held in Petrolia and John Drage usually won the high jump ribbon. In 1950 Lucy Ann Fansher was selected to take part in the National 4-H Club Congress held in Chicago. She was one of 20 delegates from Ontario and Lambton County's representative.

In 1951 the group entered the first Drama Festival. The play "Paul Wrecks the Car" directed by Mrs. Betty (Wallace) Annett won first prize, performing in Petrolia, in what is now Victoria Playhouse. The last year the Festival was held was 1959. That year Mrs. Audrey (Alex) Bolton directed the play "High Windows" and the group finished in first place.

Key Dobbyn and Fred Fansher represented Lambton County Junior Farmers on a debating team in 1953 and finished second at the provincial level. Another year, 1959, Bill Bilton and Don McGugan won at the zone level.

Cast of prize winning play "High Window" at Drama Festival in 1959. Left to right: Carol Moorhouse, Elizabeth Blakie, Director – Mrs. Audrey (Alex) Bolton– Owen Dobbyn, John Drage, missing is Dianne Bilton (she took the picture)

Cast of prize winning play "Paul Wrecks the Car" at Junior Farmer Drama Festival, 1951. Front row, left to right: George Walker, Estelle Patterson, Doreen Maynard, Lucy Ann Fansher, Eunice Dobbyn, Ross Tinney. Back row, left to right: Fred Fansher, Rey Dobbyn, Director was Mrs. Betty (Wallace) Annett.

Judging competitions were also held between local clubs at the county level in Brigden and at the Royal Winter Fair. Familiar names in the winners circle in the fifties were Bob Bilton– who after winning 4 consecutive years was allowed to keep the trophy, Bill Bilton who won the individual trophy for judging beef animals at the provincial level in 1954, Clare Elliott and Ted Sharp.

Another highlight for the Euphemia Township Junior Farmers was the selection of Fred Fansher to go on an Exchange trip to Britain as one of the 4 representatives from Ontario. He was selected by the county organization on the basis of 4-H and Junior Farmer participation.

Bill Bilton was also selected in 1959 for the U-N tour to Washington and New York.

At least 3 Euphemia Township Junior Farmers ploughing competitions were held – one on the Drage farm, one on the Bilton farm and one on the Myers Elliott farm.

In 1961, Dawn and Euphemia Junior Farmer Groups joined. Meetings rotated from Rutherford to Oakdale to Shetland. This lasted until 1966 when the group disbanded. In 1977 South Lambton Junior Farmers was organized to include Euphemia, Dawn

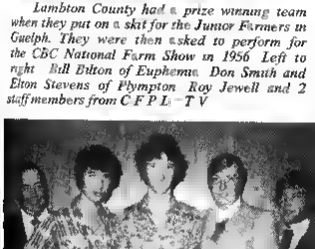
and Sombra. Meetings were held at Oakdale and by 1980 the membership was 130 with an average attendance of 30. This year (1985) the attendance averages 12 persons. Members collect for charitable organizations such as cancer and arthritis

Lambton County had a prize winning team when they put on a skit for the Junior Farmers in Guelph. They were then asked to perform for the CBC National Farm Show in 1956. Left to right: Bill Bilton of Euphemia, Don Smith and Elton Stevens of Plympton, Roy Jewell and 2 staff members from C F P L - T V

societies, and support community improvement projects.

In the 50's they encouraged farmers to take advantage of soil testing facilities at Guelph and before 1967 assisted with the 'Century Farm' sign project. In 1979 they started an Old Tyme Square Dancing club in Enniskillen and in 1981 won the Provincial competition. The sports program has become widely diversified with broomball at Forest, baseball at Old Springs, soccer in Blanheim and track and field in Petrolia.

Like most other organizations, Junior Farmers has had its ups and downs, nevertheless its the Junior Farmers of yesteryears - who are the 4-H leaders today.



Euphemia Township 4-H Award Night - 1979. Left to right - Donald Elliott donated a jacket from the Pioneer Seed Corn Company. Gordon Fansher received the jacket for having the top corn exhibit at Florence Fair. Scott Elliott received the silver tray awarded by the Royal Bank, Newbury for the top field crop member. Charles Elliott was Field Crop Club leader and Sandy Bunker was Assistant Agricultural Representative for Lambton.

SHETLAND HALL

Early records mention John Drew's Hall. It seems the hall was a large two storey building located behind and slightly north of John Drew's house (now Roesch's - 1985). The front faced east. The Free Methodist meetings were held there and the small children played around and listened to the indoor activities. In 1882 it is recorded that a polling place was fixed at Drew's Hall, Shetland.

Towards the end of the nineteenth century Thomas Risk solicited funds to build a hall on part of the N.W. quarter of Lot 25, concession 3. The land was purchased from Wm. Dobbyn for $25.00 on condition that it be used only for a Public Hall, with no dancing allowed. The deed was dated August 10, 1895. In 1901, an error was detected and the deed was revised for a fee of $1.00 to read the S.W. quarter. On May 4, 1901 Thomas Risk sold the hall to Jacob M. Dobbyn for $400.00. On August 1, 1902 Jacob Dobbyn sold the property to Court Loyalty Lodge #579, Canadian Order of Foresters for $175.00. On April 1, 1922 the Foresters sold the hall to the Shetland Public Library Association for $100.00 while reserving the right to use the building for meetings 12 times a year, and stipulating that it not be used for dancing or any other questionable purpose.

The library board spent the next year making repairs. A new foundation and basement was put in and an entry erected on the front. In 1932 Roland Dobbyn, Charlie Bolton and John Aulph installed hydro in both the church and the hall. During the

Shetland Hall 1985

depression years the upkeep proved to be too large a burden for the Library Board so it was put up for sale again. John Henry Powell called the church board together and suggested that the church acquire it. Where was the money to be found in such hard times? It seems that when the Wesley Methodist Church on lot 25 concession 6, Euphemia was closed and the property sold on July 17, 1915 for $125.00, the proceeds of the sale were divided between the Armstrong and Shetland congregations of the Methodist Church. According to Manley S. Moorhouse, the money from the sale of Wesley Church was used to purchase the hall property on September 13, 1934 from the Library Association for the sum of $100.00 with the building reserved twice yearly for library meetings. It was necessary at that time to put on a new roof, build a new chimney, paint the building and repair the interior plaster.

Minstrel shows, plays and socials helped raise money for needed repairs.

This is a portion of a post card written by Del Brownlee to Carrie Wilson on February 26, 1912 with reference to the Shetland Minstrel Group: "The Shetland coons gave their show in Newbury last Saturday evening. We took in $55.00 and we get half. Douglas Dobbyn and I put our drivers together and took part of the coons to Newbury. Harry Moorhouse and Joe Doherty went together and came up behind us hollering and went past yelling and frightened our horse. I was afraid they were going to get away for they run for a long ways."

Chicken suppers following anniversary were held annually in the basement followed by a program in the hall. Sparrow hunting matches, with folk from one side of the river pitted against those from the other side, resulted in the losers providing an oyster supper. The late Thomas Oliver Bilton is well remembered for his oyster cookery expertise. In the early 50's, the hall was raised and a whole new foundation put in including a cement floor. About this time the stationary wooden benches were removed, allowing for variable use of floor space. Stacking chairs and tables are now used.

In 1966, a kitchen was built in part of the entry and a new gas furnace was installed, suspended from the ceiling. It proved to be extremely noisy when in use.

Further renovations took place in 1979 when the stage was removed, the kitchen was enlarged, a new gas furnace installed and a room was built on the north side to accomodate a new entry, coat racks and two washrooms. At this time new windows were put in, the ceiling lowered and the building insulated.

In 1982, the building was resided and in 1983 the floor was refinished.

Following the installation of the furnace, the hall was used to supplement the church for Sunday School classes. It is used extensively for banquets, church suppers, U.C.W. meetings, church services when the church is under renovation, Institute meetings, community showers, C.G.I.T., agricultural meetings, the annual Christmas concert, family getherings and 4-H activities to name a few.

The hall is still used today as a Polling Division for elections, both municipal and governmental. The basement is used only for storage now.

5 — Businesses

The Shetland Mercantile Store in 1985 owned by Alex Bolton since 1945.

STORE

The first store in Shetland was started in the early 1880's. When the brick church was built, the old frame building was sold to Andrew Ward, who moved it to the gore formed by the concession road and the river road, and turned it into a general store. Next Alfred J. Pesha, then Royal Badgley owned the store.

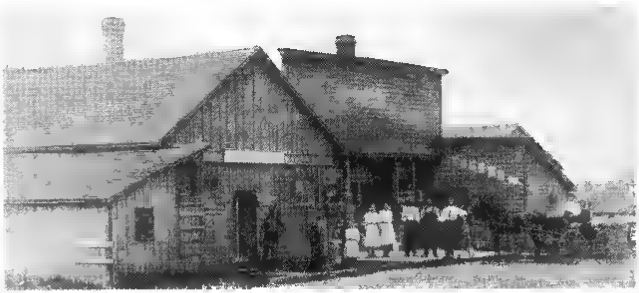
About 1895, it was bought by Thomas Risk. The next owner was Mr. Mann from Petrolia. He sold the business to John Williams in 1902. Mr. Williams owned his own team and used to bring in supplies from Newbury. The post office was also in the store at this time.

Interior of Shetland Post Office and Store - 1902

About that time bread was selling 6 loaves for 25¢. In 1967 - one loaf cost 25¢; in 1985 one loaf is often over $1.00. Mr. Shaw from Marine City bought the store from John Williams and sold it to Wm. A. Edwards in 1911. He and his wife Lillie (Smith) operated the store and post office as well as the local office of the Inwood and Bothwell Telephone exchange. They lived in the attached living quarters and raised the first members of their family there. When fire destroyed the building on May 24, 1918 they moved to the tenth concession of Euphemia.

Then Levi Badgley bought his brother Alonzo Badgley's blacksmith shop and planing mill, located across the street. Levi did horse shoeing there and made iron rims for wagon wheels, etc. Directly behind the blacksmith shop was a woodworking building. Here wooden pumps, wagon tongues, neck yokes, etc. were made. Running a cider press was another enterprise of the Badgleys. The press was turned down by hand - no easy task and a gasoline engine was used to run the cider mill. Some days, wagon loads of apples would be lined up back to the church, waiting to be processed.

In a two storey building near the blacksmith shop Levi had a garage, gas pumps and a showroom where he sold Maxwell cars. Upstairs he had a barber shop. This building was converted into a store, after the store across the street burned. He also kept bee hives on the property and harvested honey.



STORE AND POST OFFICE owned by John Williams from 1902-1909 — Left to right Alonzo Badgley Levi Badgley Reta Badgley Verda Badgley Royal Badgley (grandfather) Rilla Williams Verna Williams unknown unknown John A Williams - owner

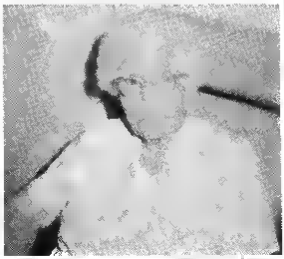
In 1926 Levi sold this store to George and Agnes Bolton When the store was sold Levi reserved the woodworking building tore it down and moved the machinery to his place (W½ lot 26 Con 3) up the hill overlooking the river where he made window sash, wooden pumps did other carpenter work and ran his cider press

In 1933 the store burned, and for a time Mr Bolton used part of his home for a grocery until the store was rebuilt on the same site

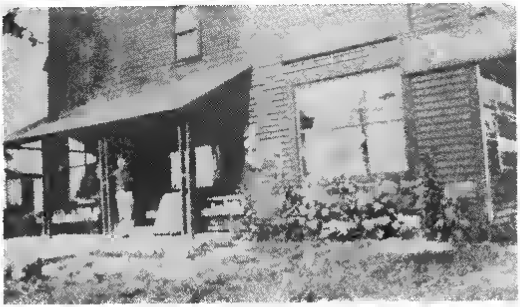
In the 20's George Bolton also barbered in his home in the evenings for 25¢ per hair cut

In the early 1900's eggs and butter were taken to the store and coupons were received which could be used to buy groceries etc The storekeeper would grade the eggs Later trucks from the

Mr and Mrs John Williams Verna (Mrs Cecil Graham) Rilla (Mrs Calvin Annett)



Mrs Wm A Edwards (Lillie) This picture was taken on her 95th birthday in 1983



The old store in 1927. This building burned in 1933

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X Lemons		10
X1 Bread		10
X Cheese		35
1 gal Oil		29
Lantern globe		18
X Coffee		33
X corn flakes		25
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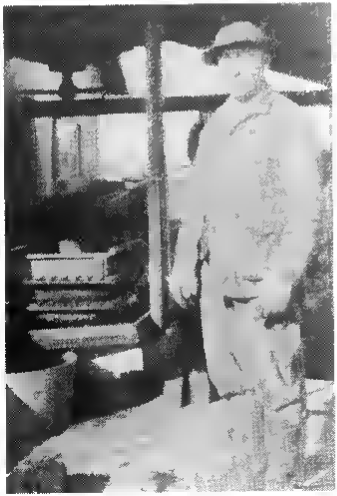
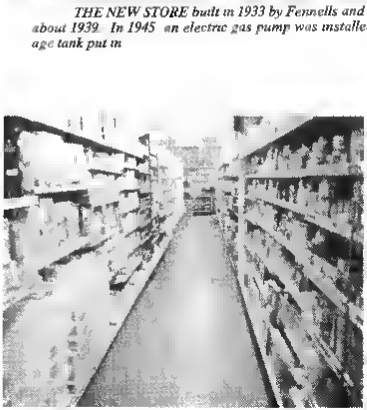


Levi Badgley and his cider press

THE NEW STORE built in 1933 by Fennells and owned by George Bolton. Photo taken about 1939. In 1945 an electric gas pump was installed and a 3000 gallon under ground storage tank put in



STORE TODAY — 1965 — Grocery Aisle — Hardware Department — Norma Wright, an employee for the past 10 years.

creameries would call at the farm to pick up eggs and cream on a regular basis and also sell the farmer processed butter

In 1945 after George Bolton s death his son Alex bought the store Alex enlarged the store and made it self-serve A stove in the back was a drawing card on wintry Saturday evenings for the local men to have a visit and gossip a bit

In 1975 Alex made extensive renovations Fluorescent lighting was installed 2 check outs were utilized for faster service the coolers were painted with germicidal paint to insure sanitation and the floor space was increased The original size of the store was 966 square feet with 345 square feet of storage while the renovated store had 4830 square feet of floor space with 1800 square feet of storage

Present owner Alex Bolton said Thirty five years ago I was told the country store business was a dying trend Although I have seen some drastic changes over the years I do not feel that the country store has become obsolete The Shetland Mercantile Store has certainly proven that country stores are not obsolete when one does $10 000 of business bi-weekly instead of annually as was the case in 1945

Today (1985) all the ordering is done by computer The large variety of stock competitive prices personal service and being open on Saturday night have all contributed to success, as Alex celebrates 40 years in business

Ted Drage Wayne Elliott Garnet Prangley and Harold Dobbyn chat in the store in 1959

THE ICE HOUSE

The frame school located south of the present hall after being used as a cheese factory by Alfred Moorhouse and stable by Richard Laird until about 1912-13 was moved onto the back of the property of the present store Levi Badgley owned the store and sold ice from the back of the frame building known as the Ice House When George Bolton purchased the store in 1926 he continued to sell ice until hydro came to the hamlet in December 1931 During Mr Bolton s ownership he remodelled the building and built a garage in the front part In 1965, the property changed ownership The Earl Prangley family moved in and Elliott Bros proceeded to move the 24 by 32 foot building to a location across from the mill west of the river road However, a wind storm came up before the building was secured and it was flattened, culminating its use for anything but firewood

THE BLACKSMITH SHOP

Mr Mowlam (pioneer of Dawn) had built a house and blacksmith shop along the townline of Dawn and Euphemia just behind lot 23 concession 1 on the Mowlam farm This was the first home and shop of John Drew Later he started out for himself in Shetland building a blacksmith shop in the V or gore Mr Drew had bought 1 4/5 acres in N E part of lot 24 from John Dobbyn in 1862 He also owned the north 50 of the Tinney farm and 100 acres the south part of the Wilcox farm While he operated his shop many young men learned the blacksmith trade from him (Joseph Dykeman Marshall Healy Alonzo Badgley)

Next Alonzo Badgley had a blacksmith shop where the present store now stands Wm Siddall and Joseph Dykeman both helped Alonzo in the shop When the store on the west side of the street burned in 1918 Levi Badgley bought the blacksmith shop from his brother and used it for horse-shoeing and making wagon wheel rims

The next blacksmith shop was on the property owned by T H Moorhouse beside the mill (the cement block building housing the mill office today 1985) Wm Siddall was the first blacksmith tenant Later a blacksmith shop was operated by Abathar (Bye) Dykeman and an auto repair shop

in the back was operated by Wm. Dobbyn until about 1938.

Some of the residents recall the sign "FREE AIR" posted on the front of the building and the first public urinal located in the N.E. corner of the shop just inside the door. It was fabricated from half a rear axle housing from a Model "T" Ford. The shop also had a brick forge.

The Cook Bros. were the next blacksmiths to work out of the shop on the Moorhouse property. They moved a house onto the property belonging to Cliff Wilson in the tip of the gore formed by the river road and second concession about 1940. Wm. and Jack Cook also did auto repairs and J.E. Drage did the horse-shoeing. In 1945, Jas. Coulter moved into the white house in the gore and rented the blacksmith shop on the Moorhouse property.

In 1951 Gord Coulter bought the property in the gore. He lived in the white house and purchased the rest of the church shed. He moved it to the gore property and made it into a blacksmith and machine repair shop. The Coulters moved to Windsor in 1953. The white house was sold and moved to Dresden. At that time Jack Johnson and his wife bought the garage and shop and operated it for 5 years.

Alex Bolton purchased the property in 1958 and used the old shop for storage for awhile. About 1961-62, he tore the shop down and built a fenced enclosure for a propane depot with Central Pipeline as supplier. This company has now been bought by Superior. In 1967 Alex moved in a 25 foot by 60 foot building from the Ray Moorhouse farm and uses it for storage at present.

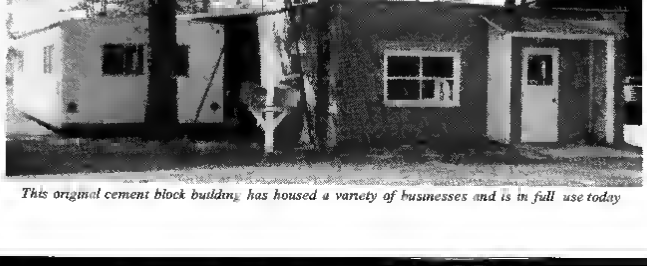
J.E. Drage set up a forge on his farm about 1940 and did horse-shoeing and repair work there. Then in 1968 Mike Recker built a welding repair shop on the mill property west of the river road. He worked there until 1972 when he retired to Chatham. Today many farmers own their own electric welders and the blacksmith shop era is recreated in pioneer villages and museums.

MILL OFFICE

This mill office building has served in many capacities over the last 70 years. Built in 1915 by Thomas H. Moorhouse it had a salesroom and service shop for Chalmers automobiles. Then it became a blacksmith shop when Wm. Siddall from Woodgreen rented it. Next Bye Dykeman blacksmithed there and Wm. Dobbyn repaired autos in the back of the building till about 1938. Then the Cook Bros. used it as an auto repair and blacksmith shop and so did James Coulter.

After this Mrs. T.H. Moorhouse cleaned the building out and used part of it for a music studio while her husband used the rest of the area for a garage. In 1969 Elliott Bros. purchased the house, garage and land from Mrs. T.H. Moorhouse.

Lloyd Bilton was hired to renovate the interior of the garage and in 1971 it became the mill office. In 1973 washrooms were added and in 1980 a mobile unit was connected for extra office space.



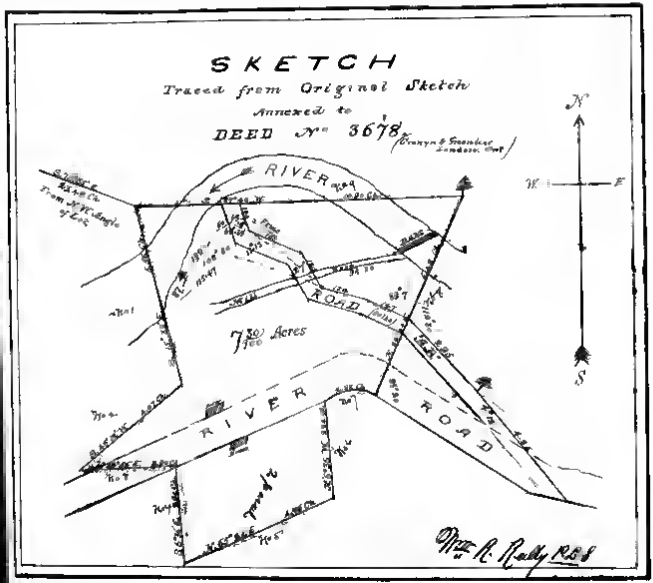
This original cement block building has housed a variety of businesses and is in full use today.

THE MILL

John Dobbyn, a brother of James, Richard Thomas and William, had a saw mill and a grist mill named 'Euphemia Mills — Grist and Saw' which were built just below the village, on lot 24 concession 2. The position of part of the raceway and road is still visible today.

Through the efforts of Thomas Rusk the storekeeper, a stock company was formed and the farmers contributed to build a large frame mill in the village. In 1896 The Shetland Flour and Grist Mill was built by the Auld Bros. Alex Auld and his family lived in the house between the mill and the brick school which had been built in 1878. When first built the mill was equipped with a pair of balanced and dressed stones for grinding. The stones were made by a mill dresser who grooved them for proper grinding. The original mill stones were at the foot of the steps of the village mill for years, when they were finally removed by Elliott Bros. in 1984 and stored for preservation.

Soft coal and wood were used to feed the steam engine and Stanley Hart was the engineer. Water for the steam engine was pumped from the Auld well by cable. The yard was stacked with cord wood and coal was brought by team and wagon from Inwood and Rothwell. Milton Dobbyn installed the flour making machinery and held a mortgage on

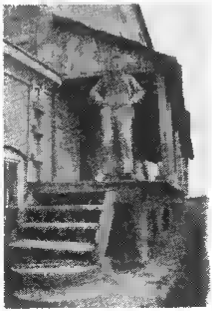


Picture of original mill taken about 1904

it. In 1901, he got the mill because of financial problems and ran it until 1907.

Western wheat was shipped to North Bothwell and drawn by horse teams on wagons or sleighs. The soft winter wheat and western spring wheat were blended for various grades of flour. In 1898, a plate grinder was put in, making it a 50 barrel flour mill. Flour was put out in 25 or 50 pound paper sacks and later in 98 pound cotton sacks. From 1908 to 1919 Thomas Moorhouse operated the mill with Chris Wilson, Clifton Wilson, Oliver George and Wm. Bolton Jr. working there. During this period natural gas was available so it was used for auxiliary steam power. Alfred May was a teamster, hauling flour to Bothwell, Newbury, Thamesville and Kent Bridge. Sam Elliott, Duncan McGillivray, Stafford Moorhouse and other local residents also worked in the same capacity.

During the first World War, the mill was so busy they operated a day and night shift on a 24 hour basis. Mr. Moorhouse started working with



Note the old mill stones under the step in 1901 - they were removed in 1984

Inwood Co-operative Company in 1921. He retired as manager in 1951 at age 73 after 30 years service.

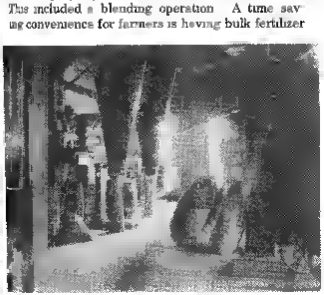
In 1919 George Bolton and Alex (Sandy) Brown took over the mill operation. In 1921 George Palmer bought out Sandy Brown and the two George's ran it until 1926 when for $3000 George Palmer became sole owner. Ernie Rush, Charlie Bolton and Harold Brown worked for George and later Ira Brownlee. George's wife, Mary helped her husband at the mill when she was needed. Flour processing was discontinued in 1942. In 1926, a Fairbanks Morse diesel engine was installed. From 1955 on a Ruston Hornsby diesel was in use until 1965.

Following the war, Tom and Russell Elliott purchased the mill (building, property and machinery) for $5,000 from George Palmer and began business in September 1945.

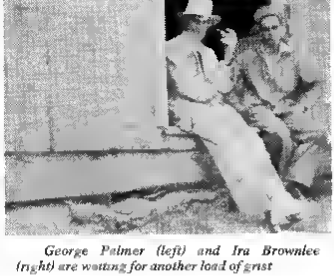
The next year a delivery truck was purchased and one employee Gerald Mawlam was hired.

The first major expansion was a frame warehouse attached to the feed mill, built in 1957 at a cost of $5000.00.

A large warehouse for seed and bagged fertilizer was constructed in 1961, and a bulk fertilizer warehouse was erected in 1963, on a three acre piece of property on the west side of the river road. This included a blending operation. A time saving convenience for farmers is having bulk fertilizer



Interior of Flour Mill



George Palmer (left) and Ira Brownlee (right) are waiting for another load of grist

Wellington ROLLER MILLS

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We aim to still further increase the large number of

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who have given us their patronage

Blended Flours a Specialty.

High Grade Work and increased facilities have given us a much larger

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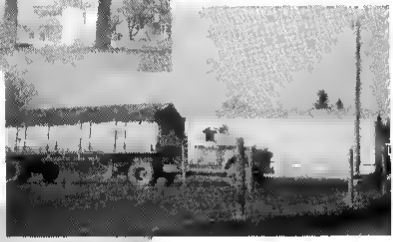
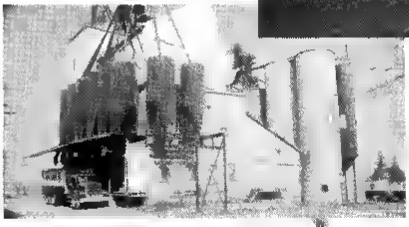
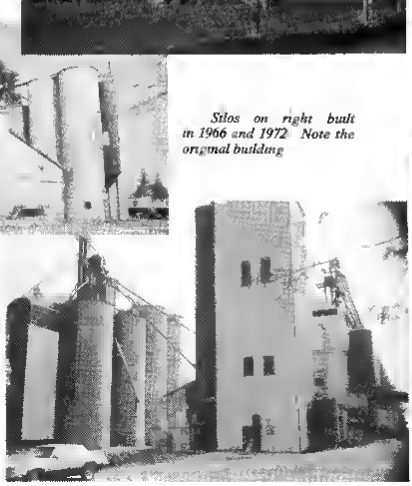
Bulk fertilizer warehouse 1963



Elliott Bros. feed truck 1965

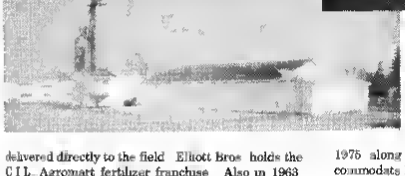


Silos on right built in 1966 and 1972. Note the original building



A feed tower was added to the original mill in 1980-81

The front end loader is used to fill the terragator with bulk fertilizer.



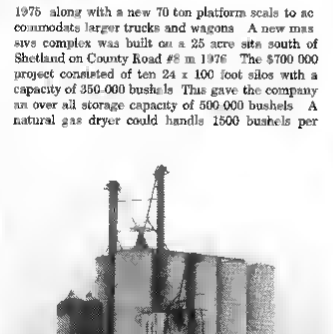
The fertilizer blending unit built in 1983 plus fertilizer warehouse and shop in background.

delivered directly to the field. Elliott Bros. holds the C.I.L. Agromart fertilizer franchise. Also in 1963 they started buying and shipping wheat and soybeans. An extra phase was added to the hydro line to the village in 1965 and the mill operation switched from diesel power to electrical power. 1966 saw four silos constructed for grain storage including drying and cleaning facilities for receiving and shipping of local grains - corn, wheat and soya beans, and in 1972 four additional silos were added.

Staff in 1966 included Mrs. Nea Recker - bookkeeper; Ronald Rich - driver and delivery man; Harold Brown - feed mill operator, Owen Dobbyn - dryer elevator operator; Wm. Maynard - driver and deliveryman. Charlie McFadden, Morley McGuire, Glen White, Alex Campbell and Clarence McWilliams were some of other employees over the years.

By then they were handling a complete line of livestock feed as well as supplements for swine, beef and poultry in mash or pellet form under a Shur Gain (Canada Packers Ltd.) franchise. In 1972, they began manufacturing all types of feed under their own label "Gro-well" - provided custom formulated rations and numerous animal health products.

The bulk fertilizer capacity was increased in 1975 along with a new 70 ton platform scale to accommodate larger trucks and wagons. A new massive complex was built on a 25 acre site south of Shetland on County Road #8 in 1976. The $700,000 project consisted of ten 24 x 100 foot silos with a capacity of 350,000 bushels. This gave the company an over all storage capacity of 500,000 bushels. A natural gas dryer could handle 1500 bushels per



Dryer and Storage Complex on County Road 8, south of the village.

hours while unloading facilities could handle 5000-10 000 bushels per hour. An added facility at the new site was a 50 ton hoist, measuring 80 feet in length with a 45 degree elevation to accommodate all types of flat trailers and trucks. In 1977 the metric system was introduced, so confusion still reigns today with the older generation trying to use hectares, kilograms and tonnes.

A feed tower was added to the original mill in 1980-81. Also a second dryer was added to the large complex south of Shetland.

In 1973 Russell's son, Robert graduated from Guelph and joined the family business. He is in charge of the yard management. In 1980 Tom's son, Alex, a chartered accountant joined the company as corporate controller. In 1981 Charles A. Elliott joined the sales staff following graduation from the University of Guelph.

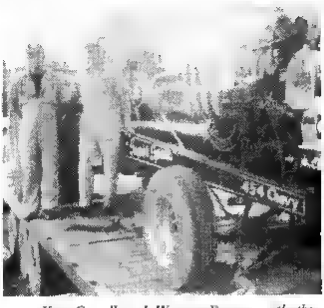
Anhydrous Ammonia bulk storage was added in 1982 along with a Terragator used for spreading fertilizer and lime without compacting the soil. Loan equipment includes 20 ammonia wagons and 10 fertilizer spreaders.

In 1983, an overhead fertilizer blending unit was added to the fertilizer complex. The blending is done with the use of baffles.

Over the past 20 years office staff has included Nea Recker, Mary Marchand and Mary Jane Strydonck. Present office staff includes Deanna (Elliott) Prangley, Mary Campbell and Irene Towstuic. Mill employees include Larry Priebe, John Lucan, Roy Riedel and Guenther Fuelbier. Elevator and maintenance workers include Don Lunn, Allan Broad, Dan Wright, Graham Deans, Dave Gohl and Wayne Baverstock. Brad Smith, Scott Elliott and Dan Lucan drive the 3 tandem blower delivery trucks, while Lorne Mills and Lloyd Smith drive the 2 tractor trailer units, the auger truck and 2 auger fertilizer trucks.

This year, construction has started on a large 265 000 bushel storage bin, situated north and attached to the complex on County Road 8, south of Shetland.

As of June 1985, one of the original mill stones is being mounted on a concrete base and placed in front of the library.



Ken Cowell and Warren Powers with the "Super Spook" pulling tractor

TWIN CREEK FARMS

Twin Creek Farms got its name from the two creeks, one on each side of the laneway, that empty into the Sydenham River.

The farm was purchased in 1969 by Joanne and Warren Powers from Betty Dobbyn, following the accidental death of her husband, Rey.

There were about 80 acres of rough pasture land, covered with thorn trees and poorly fenced.

As Warren and Bill Douglas (Warren's brother-in-law) were riding around the hills and gullies on a home-made dune buggy one day, it became apparent that this land might be used for recreational purposes, especially with the natural amphitheatre in the southwest corner.

In July 1971, Warren held the first organized dune buggy race. In 1972 monthly dune buggy and 4 x 4 races were started and in 1973 the first annual 4 wheel drive meet was held and continued until 1980.

Meanwhile in 1972, Bill and Warren bought an old Oliver 88 tractor from Ted Sharp in Shetland with plans to build a pulling tractor. Besides being

brothers in law, Bill and Warren were classmates in high school and naturally bragged about how good their farm tractors were. So the first Florence Fair tractor pull in 1968, found Bill and Warren competing with each other. They competed separately until 1972, when they amalgamated their resources and became the "Spook Pulling Team". They have become the most successful pulling team in Canada with the most powerful modified tractor in the country, three alcohol fuelled Chevrolet engines totalling over 3500 H.P.

The Off Road Racing of dune buggies and 4 wheel drives proved to be unprofitable for the amount of work involved, so the Spook Pulling Team started competing on the Canadian Tractor Pulling Circuit in 1973.

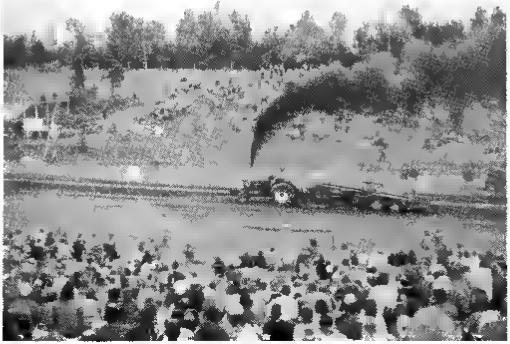
When a September 1974 booking was dropped by Kidgetown, Warren picked it up and the first Twin Creek Tractor Pull was held on a Sunday afternoon, with 1400 people attending.

Twin Creek Farm Service was formed in 1974, a partnership between Warren and the late Ken Cowell. This was a custom farming operation. The old flood lights were purchased from the Florence Ball Park and erected on the farm and in September 1975 Twin Creek Farm Service sponsored a 2 day pull on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

This continued until 1978, when the partnership dissolved and Warren bought the Inwood Garage. It became Twin Creek Recreation and sponsored the pulling matches until 1981.

Crowds have steadily increased through 1983 - with 15,000 attending, and the only rainout since its inception was Sunday afternoon - 1984. For the past 5 years, the Twin Creek Grand National has been the largest tractor pull in Canada.

Many factors have contributed to the success of Twin Creek events. First, is the excellent help received from those involved in the Shetland community and the cheerful, friendly personalities of the Shetland people have created an atmosphere that pullers from across North America are talking about. The 1984 Twin Creek Grand National ranked 4th out of 99 events, when competitors voted. Secondly, the natural amphitheatre setting on the hillside allows for an uncrowded relaxed feeling. Third, is the excellent food served by St. John's Anglican Church, Aughrim, South Lambton Junior Farmers, Knights of Columbus - Bothwell and Thamesville, Bothwell Barons hockey team and Oddfellows Lodge of Florence, who provide liquid refreshments. You certainly can't say that Shetland is a dot on the map, that no one has heard of.



Hillside viewing is enjoyed at Twin Creek truck and tractor pulls.

ROBIN HILL RECREATIONAL VEHICLE BUSINESS

The Recreational Vehicle sales and service business was started in 1979 by Joyce and Ted Sharp. The large bank barn on the south side of the river road was torn down in 1978 and a drive shed was built in its place. One end of the building is used for a showroom and office. Only Canadian made, new motorhomes and trailers are sold. Used units are also reconditioned for sale. They also have a licensed dealer for the sale of propane gas.

CHICKEN HATCHERY

In the 50's a thriving business was the Moorhouse hatchery. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Moorhouse had been hatching chickens for a number of years. They installed electric incubators in the early thirties and operated several units. The business closed in the late fifties.

Poultry Business 1985

Two poultry barns are situated on the Edward Sharp farm. The first one, built in 1962 is 200 feet in length and holds approximately 20 000 started pullets in cages. The day old chicks are purchased from Caledonia and kept until they are 20 weeks old. At this time they are ready to lay, so they are sold and shipped all over Ontario. Two flocks, each year are raised in this building.

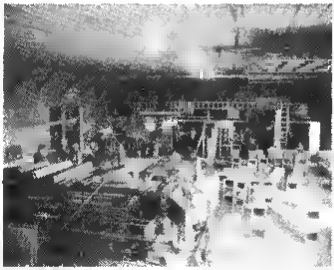
The second poultry barn 230 feet in length built in 1966 is a laying barn which will hold 10 000 hens. However in 1985, a quota system allows only 6 600 birds to be kept.

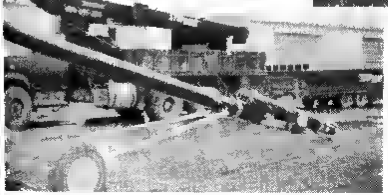
Part time help is hired to gather eggs. Egg belts are being installed now to bring the eggs to one end of the barn. The eggs are sold to Gray's in Ridgetown. These laying hens are usually kept for 13 months. The poultry barns and field crops are managed by Ted and Joyce's son, Ron.

STOR-MOR LIMITED AND LAMBTON CONVEYOR LIMITED

This grain dryer and storage bin business had its beginning in 1966 with Ray Moorhouse as owner manager operating out of an unused poultry house Dryers and bins were sold and erected on area farms In 1966 Alex Bolton joined Ray Moorhouse in a partnership The Limited Company was formed shortly after that under the name Stor Mor The partnership dissolved in 1970 and in 1971 Ray obtained the Ontario franchise for "Ezee Dry" bin dryers A 100 x 50 foot building was erected on the premises, lot 23, concession 1, in 1977 to accommodate offices, parts and a fabricating shop Lambton Conveyor Limited was formed in 1979 for the fabrication and sale of elevator legs and augers In 1982 a 100 x 80 storage shed was erected Staff includes 2 bookkeepers 5 full time employees and up to 20 seasonal employees

With sales close to 2 million on a good year this enterprise has been an asset to Shetland and the community





Above picture shows the interior of the fabricating building

Left picture shows the grain elevator and crane truck used for erecting elevator legs

6 — Services

SHETLAND LIBRARY

The idea of a library for the Shetland community originated before the end of the nineteenth century. The Sunday school of the Methodist Church had a small library of good books that were well read by young and old. At the turn of the century the Department of Education loaned a travelling library for three month periods.

On April 16, 1909 a declaration for the establishment of a public library was registered in the Registry Office, Sarnia pursuant to the Libraries Act for a library at Shetland.

The first board was composed of seven: Mr. J. M. Dobbyn, President; Miss Edith Dobbyn, Secretary; Miss Ethel Peake, Treasurer; Mrs. Robert Moorhouse, Mrs. Alex Dobbyn, Mrs. L. H. Badgley and Mr. A. D. Adams. Eighty-one books were purchased the first year for $50.12.

With no building to house books, the board members decided to rent a room until they could afford to erect a building. In its first year, a room was rented in the home of Richard Laird and Mrs. Laird acted as librarian all for the sum of $35.00 per year. The next year, the board was increased to nine with the addition of Mr. Frank Sharp and Mr. W. A. Shaw as members.

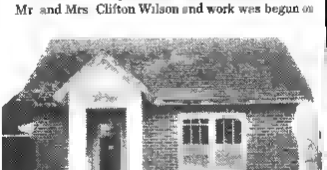
In 1912, the library was moved to a small room in the Shetland Store building. W. A. Edwards was appointed librarian and in 1913 became the Board President. In 1915 the library was moved to the home of Mrs. Alfred May with Jennie May as librarian. New books were added each year and the library now had many volumes on its shelves. In 1917, owing to the death of Mrs. May, the library was moved to the home of Mr. T. Playfoot with Mrs. Playfoot as librarian. Mr. Frank Johnston was appointed secretary after the resignation of Miss Edith Dobbyn, who had done so much to get the library started and acted as secretary since its beginning.

Mr. J. H. Powell acted as President for 1918 and 1919 and Mrs. Alex Dobbyn was President in 1920. Circulation and number of books available was steadily growing.

In 1921 the library moved again, this time to the home of Mr. Alex Dobbyn with Mrs. Dobbyn as librarian and Mr. Clayton Sharp as president.

The Shetland Hall, badly in need of repair, was purchased by the library board in 1922. Volunteer help and financial donations made it possible to put in a foundation and basement and a front entry. Mr. Donald Brown was president from 1923-1933. Mr. Duncan McGillivray was elected president in 1933 and held office until 1948. During the depression years, of the early thirties the Hall proved to be quite a burden. Paint, a new roof, chimney and replacing plaster were some of the repairs carried out. In 1934 the Hall was sold to the United Church. In 1933 Shetland joined the County Library Association and enjoyed an exchange of books every 3 months.

The failing health of Mrs. Alex Dobbyn, who had been such an energetic librarian, and her death brought the library near a standstill as interest seemed to wane. In 1944 Mr. Roland Dobbyn was elected President and in 1946 a new building was considered. Early in 1947, a lot was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Wilson and work was begun on



ORIGINAL — The original single storey red brick building 16' x 25' was constructed in 1947 and officially opened in 1948. Funds were raised by a canvas of the community, a Provincial and township grant and $800 in borrowed funds for a total cost close to $2500.00.

the Shetland Memorial Library in memory of pioneers of the area, and soldiers of two world wars. Grants received from the Ontario Public Libraries Branch and Euphemia Township Council, a generous response to a community canvas and much volunteer labour enabled the building to be completed before winter. The official opening was held on December 5, 1948 with a banquet catered to by the Women's Institute. J.F. Nethercott of London was guest speaker and Rev. Anson Moorhouse Sr. and a representative of council spoke. Mrs. Frank Robinson was librarian from 1948-1961.

A special anniversary tea was held on December 2, 1949. Mrs. Myers Elliott was elected president in 1950 and the indebtedness on the building was paid off in 1951. In 1952, Mrs. Cecil Tinney was president and increased interest by holding monthly board meetings.

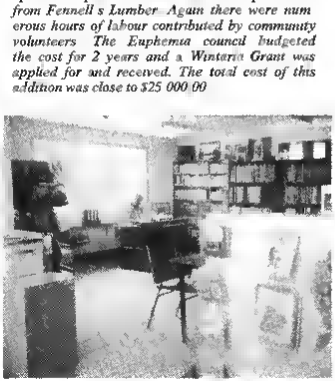
By 1961, when Mrs. Robinson was unable to continue as librarian, the board members took turns looking after the library until the appointment of Mary Jean Prangley in 1963. Rev. J.D. Woollatt was chairman of the board at that time. In 1969 word was received that all Association Libraries would receive no further grants. Rev. Woollatt was appointed to take the matter to Euphemia Township Council requesting that they take over Shetland Library as a Municipal project and apply for membership in the County Library Association.

In 1967, under the new system, books from the library were available to everyone in the township free of charge. Natural gas was installed and the Library Association accepted all bills for hydro, gas, librarian wages and cost of new books.

In 1967, Lottie Meier became librarian in March as Mary Jean found her high school work load increasing. Mrs. Marguerite Blake was appointed librarian in 1968 and Mrs. Dorothea Moorhouse was appointed as assistant in 1969. By 1970 the removal of a partition made the room larger, additional shelves and a cupboard were put in. Mrs. Moorhouse became librarian when Mrs. Blake retired in 1972 and Mrs. Ruth Dobbyn became assistant.

On December 20, 1972 a Dusk to Dawn light was installed by Ontario Hydro on the pole beside the library. This project was sponsored and is still maintained by the Committee of the Moorhouse

ADDITION — The new addition measuring 20 x 24 was added in (1982). Bob Fennell drew up the blueprints and materials were purchased from Fennell's Lumber. Again there were numerous hours of labour contributed by community volunteers. The Euphemia council budgeted the cost for 2 years and a Wintario Grant was applied for and received. The total cost of this addition was close to $25 000.00.



SPACIOUS INTERIOR — Inside there are spacious well lit reading and study areas. A carpeted floor, a picture window, washroom facilities, a children's reading table and benches are all additional features. Another successful undertaking completed which is well utilized by an active community.

book fund.

In July 1982 Mrs. Dobbyn retired and Mrs. Barbara Beckett was appointed as assistant to Dorothea Moorhouse.

Circulation of books has increased dramatically over the past decades from 2,842 in 1970 to 10,537 in 1980. In 1984, 13,307 books were borrowed from the tiny Memorial Library.

Over the past 15 years there have been numerous displays set up for public viewing. These included oil paintings, water colours, crafts, antiques, cake decorating samples and collections, to name a few.

Locally there have been art, writing and reading contests for the young patrons. Mrs. Dorothy, as the present librarian is labelled, has many requests for books needed for school projects and references, from both elementary and secondary students.

During the summer of 1984, these young people participated in a reading contest. Each winner received a book as a prize. Family members participated too, because if children were too young to read, the book had to be read to them.

For the past 2 years, Barbara Beckett has held a story hour for pre-school children periodically. It is held at 2 p.m. on a week day. The library is also a centre for a weight-loss group, who weigh-

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Mrs. Robert (Jackie) Bilsliffe, who for the past 11 years has resided on Lot 29, concession 2, is our local cartoonist. Her cartoons depicting some local people are found in many weekly papers in the area. Jackie and her family have been actively involved in church and community affairs.

in on Tuesday mornings at 9 They discuss nutrition diet exercise etc and support one another in their endeavours

Through the Lambton County System there is access to all county books Southwestern Region books and books through inter-library loans Tapes films, records and cultural programs are also available

THE COMMUNITY WEIGH SCALE

On the farm of James Dobbyn lot 26 concession 2 there was a large platform weigh scale approximately 8 feet by 14 feet which could weigh a load up to 8 ton It was housed in a building with a door on either end and large enough for a load of loose hay to be driven through Neighbours would bring cattle hogs and hay to be weighed The fee was 10¢ per weigh Part of the original building is still located on the farm now owned by Owen Dobbyn

The remaining structure of the original weigh scale building

THE SHETLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

In August of 1978, Elliott Bros purchased this 1949 G-M C- fire truck from Inwood In 1983 an addition was added to the shop and warehouse west of the river road to house the truck Volunteer labour made the project less costly The unit has already proved its worth as it was used to quell a fire in the feed mill put out several grass fires and clean pig barns, boilers etc

About once a year In the decade between 1945 and 1955 the chimney on the Fairbanks Morris engine would catch fire With flames leaping thirty feet in the air Russell Elliott would race over to the T H Moorhouse home and Muriel would hand him the end of a 150 foot hose kept on a reel in the basement for just such an emergency Each time they managed to get the engine shut down and the flames doused without a major catastrophe Such was not the case with mills at Rutherford and Wabash during the first half of the twentieth century

THE SHETLAND AIRPORT

Edward (Ted) Sharp received his flying license in 1958 and purchased his first private plane in 1960. At this time he built a 1700 foot grass runway west of the buildings, running north and south on lot 24, concession 2. Bob Tinney keeps his plane on the farm and many others have used the strip coming from various points in Canada and the U.S.A. It has served as an emergency runway several times.

THE SHETLAND GAS COMPANY

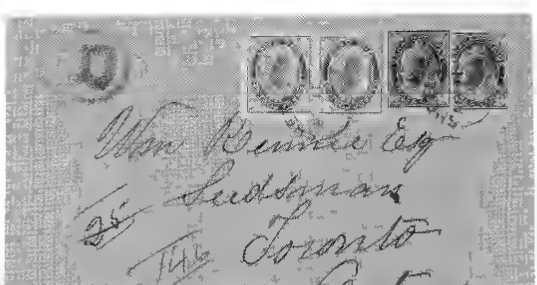
The Castle Oil Company drilled several wells at lot 25 and 26, concession 5 Euphemia, hoping to find oil at the 2000 foot level, but hit a pocket of gas instead.

Nothing was done with the gas until 1915, when five men from the community formed the Shetland Gas Company. They took a ten year lease to buy gas from the Castle Oil Company. Two inch used pipe was purchased and a line was put in from the wells to Shetland. The pipeline supplied all the farms along the way and the village of Shetland with natural gas. The chopping mill also used gas to fire its steam boiler.

About the time the ten year lease was up, salt began to cut off the gas supply in the wells, and the oil company would not renew the lease. The Shetland Company had no other place to buy gas, so they pulled up their line, sold it and disbanded. Members of the company were: Manager — T.H. Moorhouse, L.H. Badgley, W.A. Edwards, Robert Gray and James Dobbyn.

In 1966 Union Gas tapped into their line going from Zone Centre to Dawn at east half lot 19 concession 2 and put a line into Shetland. In 1976 a new 6 inch line was brought to the village from the line at 30 sideroad running between Dawn Gas Plant and London.

Main Street — Past and Present



(Courtesy of Lloyd M Ron Thamesv lle)

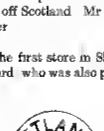
A registered letter sent from Shetland to Toronto in 1898 note the amount of postage and Queen Victoria stamps

POST OFFICE AND MAIL DELIVERY

In the early 1860 s John Drew the village blacksmith had a shop in Shetland in the gore (across from the present store) His daughter Emily used to walk to Florence weekly to get horse shoe nails for her father and she would bring the mail back to Shetland carrying it in a basket The neighbours called at the Drew home (Roesch s now) to get their mail

On May 1 1865 a post office was opened in Debbyn Mills The name Shetland was applied by the post office department originating from the Shetland Isles off Scotland Mr John Drew was the first postmaster

In 1870 the first store in Shetland was opened by Andrew Ward who was also postmaster



In 1870 a post office was opened in the home of Richard Laird shoemaker It was located south of the hall (on what is Smith property now) The house was later moved to George Tanner s farm (lot 26 concession 5) Mail then came to Newbury Sutherland s Corner (now Cairo) and on to Shetland The first mail courier remembered was Jas McKeune

With the adoption of the Rural Mail system about 1918 the Shetland post office was closed The mail then came to Florence and was delivered by couriers - Wm McCreary George Thompson Walter Kolston John Armstrong John Bilton, Stanley North Wm McFarlane, Sid Bouchard, Robert Elliott Harry Elliott John Elliott, James and Phyllis Cracknell All Shetland residents receive mail addressed Rural Route #2 Florence In 1972 the postal code N0F 1R0 was added On October 2 1982 Saturday mail delivery ceased to exist

Members of the first Shetland Picnic Corporation. Back row, left to right: Dunc Bolton, Joe Dobbyn, Charlie Stevens, Clayton Sharp, William Bilton. Front row, left to right: Wm. A. Edwards, Tom Moorhouse, Bill Davis, Levi Badgley.

7 — Shetland Picnic

About 1904 a group of citizens organized a picnic in the bush on the farm of A. J. Pesha (a former storekeeper in Shetland) on lot 24, concession 3. The woods could be reached from both concession roads. A concert was held in the evening and the day was brought to a close with fireworks. After 2 successful years the picnic was discontinued for some unknown reason. However the idea had merit, so in 1908 a number of farmers in the area each subscribed $2.00 for the expense of a picnic on the understanding if the venture was successful, the money would be returned. This time it was held in the bush on the farm of Duncan Bolton. The land, lot 26, concession 3, was patented originally to Mahlon Burwell on June 25, 1823 and a few years later came into the hands of the Dobbyn family by purchase from Martha Farland and then was owned by Duncan Bolton. Hard and soft maple, elm, ash, oak and hickory were the native trees on the clay loam soil. Originally entrance to the beautiful woods on the bank of the Sydenham River was through private farm lanes. When larger crowds attended, exit was sometimes through Bolton's fields.

The first officers were: William Bilton, President; Reginald L. Moorhouse, Secretary and Thomas H. Moorhouse, Treasurer. Information on finances the first few years is scant, but from 1911 the records are complete and interesting to today's reader. That year expenses were $16.00 for the band; $36.00 for the evening concert; $10.50 for the fireworks; $20.00 for the baseball teams; $6.00 for printing and $5.00 to D. Bolton for rent of the grounds. At year end they had a surplus of $81.10. In 1912, there was a loss of $34.31, but in 1913 receipts exceeded expenditures by $87.91. Music that year cost $18.00 for the Croton band. Temporary counters were erected in the form of a rectangle to comprise a booth from which sales of ice cream, peanuts, food, bananas, oranges, melons and soft drinks were made.

During the 1914-1918 war years, some thought the picnics should be discontinued, others thought that with the extra work imposed by the absence of their sons on the fighting line, that a day of relaxation was necessary to maintain community spirit and the picnic continued. The Municipal Council under George A. Annett as Reeve, passed a resolution on June 24, 1916 that the second Wednesday in August be recognized as a Civic Holiday. It con-

tinued regularly on that date till 1983 when the date was changed to the second Saturday in August

Many athletic events, open to all were the order of the day. There were races for all ages, jumping, pole vaulting, swimming, catching the duck all with some prizes, usually of small monetary nature. The best baby was an event always creating interest and prizes were awarded. Baseball teams, both hardball and softball, from nearby communities of Newbury, Bothwell, Oakdale, Thamesville, Dresden and were matched and followed by many with great rivalry and interest. Sometimes the teams came thirty to forty miles to engage in the contests. Levi Bagdley and Thomas H. Moorhouse had a motorboat in which picnickers might have a ride upon the river for a nominal fee, prior to the first world war.

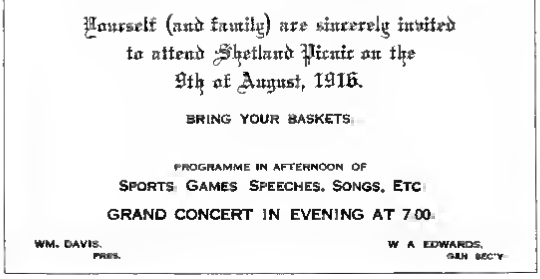
From 1914 two booths were operated, one by William Bilton and the other by Joseph Dobbyn and their committees. The excess of receipts over disbursements seemed to fluctuate greatly. This was probably caused by weather or harvest conditions.

In the early days coal oil torches, lanterns and lamps supplied lighting when it became dark. Later gasoline torches were used and about 1918, a portable Delco lighting plant was rented adding much to the evening programme.

Many dollars from the proceeds went to the Red Cross, Chinese Famine Relief, Byron Sanitorium, repair of Shetland Hall and similar worthy objects of bounty. Revenue continued to grow as the numbers of picnickers increased and by 1920 receipts from the booths amounted to $1 065.27. In 1920, 120 gallons of ice cream supplied by Bothwell Creamery cost $156.00. In 1921, it was supplied by the Lambton Creamery, the gallons were not recorded, but the cost was $189.00. Ice cream at that time was not misnamed and there was plenty of real cream used.

In the early years people came by horse and buggy and the trees and fences were the tie-posts. In later years the automobile provided transport and it became necessary to organize parking. Admission to the grounds was free in the early years, but later it became necessary to charge for the evening concert to meet the expense of the musicians and entertainers. Admission to the concert was difficult to collect. At first a portion of the grounds surrounding the platform was fenced. A sale of tags was tried without great success and the problem was not overcome until 1925 when an admission fee to the grounds of 25¢ for each adult was first charged. In 1946 the admission was increased to 35¢, in 1950 to 50¢, in 1965 to 75¢ and in 1966 to $1.00.

Prior to 1930, the supply of drinking water was a problem. It was usually brought into the grounds from nearby farm wells in a thresher's water tank. It is said that one very warm day, just as the even-


Shetland, July 15th, 1916

Yourself (and family) are sincerely invited
to attend Shetland Picnic on the
9th of August, 1916.

BRING YOUR BASKETS

PROGRAMME IN AFTERNOON OF
SPORTS, GAMES, SPEECHES, SONGS, ETC.

GRAND CONCERT IN EVENING AT 7.00

WM. DAVIS.
PRES.

W. A. EDWARDS.
SEC'Y-TREAS.

ing concert was about to begin the water tank was empty. All soft drinks in the booths had been sold and the thirst of many was great. William Bilton was an expert in making lemonade, which at the time was very popular. Half a case of lemons had been left unsold so William Bilton squeezed the lemons. Henry Doherty and Robert Fox carried water from the river in pails. The water, lemon juice, sugar and ice was put in large wash tubs and sold with a goodly profit. In later years, a concession to operate the booth was sold by the picnic committee to Levi H. Badgley, Robert McAuslan or Alexander Bolton. A booth for the sale of food was operated by the Women's Association of the local church or the Women's Institute on occasions. The women were never charged for their concession rights.

In the early days and for many years, John Farrell of Forest, Ontario, a jovial man of good size and long, wavy, grey hair was master of ceremony. He had a good voice and plenty of wit and humour. He always arrived in a buggy drawn by a team of light horses. This was a trip of at least 25 miles. In 1920, the association presented him with a gold-headed cane. When he died in 1930 there were tears in the eyes of his many Euphemia Township friends. W.P. MacDonald of Lambton County, the Lambton County Agricultural Representative, followed Mr. Farrell as M.C. for a long time, with great satisfaction.

The first portable benches were built in 1926 and more in 1928. The platform was covered in 1927. A ticket office was built in 1936, a refreshment booth in 1937 and a lunch booth in 1946. The first picnic tables were built in 1950.

A picnic in the 1930's meant taking your noon and evening meal in a basket. A table cloth was spread on the ground and the food set out for the whole family.

About 1933, the committee felt that Duncan Bolton was getting older and the farm might be sold, the bush cut and the community would lose the picnic grounds. Bolton had been paid for many years a small fee or rental to partially recompense him for the inconvenience caused and the damage done to his property. The annoyance, damage and inconvenience the Bolton family suffered, it is suggested was largely satisfied by their contribution to the enjoyment of others. The committee arranged

A Shetland family picnicking approximately 65 years ago. George Bolton, Dave Leach, Mary Leach, Mary Bolton (Palmer), Flossie Bolton (Brownlee), Mrs. Duncan Bolton.

to purchase the bush from Bolton, he to have pasturing rights as long as he lived. They were advised of the possible liability if they became owners and it was suggested that a non-profit corporation be set up to hold title. Letters Patent for a corporation, known as Shetland Picnic Corporation were issued by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario under date of 16th January, 1934, to Levi Harris Badgley, Doctor Alexander Brown, William John Davis, James Roland Dobbyn, Robert James Russell Gray, all of the Township of Euphemia as the first directors. Eric G. Moorhouse, a solicitor of London, Ontario and a native of Euphemia, who maintained a branch office at Bothwell, acted for the directors.

The directors pointed out that the fence line between the Bolton and Gray properties was not along the blind line between the east and west halves of the lot, so a problem arose in correctly describing lands without a survey. When the Dobbyn family divided the lot, it was an acreage or area division only. The directors were instructed to project the blind line to the north side of 26 sideroad and then measure to the point where the line fence between the Bolton and Gray properties met 25 sideroad. That distance was 4 chains 91 links. Their measurements from where the projection of the blind line met the river to the line fence was 9 chains 20 links. The fence line was thus on a considerable angle from the side lines of the lot. The previous conveyancing described the lands only from the east and west halves of the lot. By an Agreement dated the 10th of

July 1934 between the Boltons and Grays who owned the lands to the east and the corporation, the boundary line was correctly established

The southerly limit of the corporation property was 40 rods in length measured parallel to the sideroad The west line then runs some 34 rods to the water's edge of the river There is an entrance way to the corporation's lands some 2 rods wide along the easterly limit of the Bolton property from the sideroad The deed from Bolton to the corporation is dated the 30th of January 1934 and recites a consideration of $1,067.00 of which $567.00 was paid in cash and the balance secured by a mortgage which was paid off in 1942 It is suggested the price was $100.00 per acre for the grounds of some 10 acres and the balance for the laneway The grounds south of the river comprise an area of something in excess of 10 acres

After the purchase of the property in 1936, hydro was installed in 1937 The picnic committee was always well organized and the reponsibility for the advertising for the grounds for booths for races ball games sporting events, baby show, evening concert platform entertainment, fireworks, was pretty generally shared by the members of the community On some few occasions there has been rain before or after the day but generally speaking the weatherman has greatly favoured this midsummer event

In 1948 Wm J Davis donated the 2 stone pillars located at the entrance to the picnic grounds They were constructed by Frank Cliffford, a local stonemason who resided in the township.

The afternoon platform events band music speeches by local politicians and the evening concert encountered some problems with acoustics There were many competing sounds, laughter from the nearby ball games, noise from the races and latterly motorboats upon the river It was not sufficiently overcome until 1934, when a loud speaker system was installed

In 1940, a well was put down on the grounds and to this day it is a never-ceasing wonder to many city children who have never seen a water pump The water is good with a slight sulphur taste but always cool and thirst-quenching

During the war years, fireworks could not be procured and were dropped, but were revived again in 1952 In 1951, boat races were made part of the entertainment programme

Some prominent guest speakers were invited over the years In 1949 Dr Reek president of O A C spoke followed by Hon Leslie Frost in 1950 and Hon Paul Martin in 1952

Following the second world war with the advent of outboard motors and the ease of transport of boats by automobiles many people commenced coming to the river from nearby cities and from the U S A launching their boats from a place where a small stream entered the north side of the Sydenham River opposite the grounds purchased from Bolton They were trespassing over an unfenced piece of land owned by Levi Harris Badgley lying between the river road and the river The officers of the picnic corporation realized full well how this might interfere with not only the aquatic sports but the picnic generally and they purchased some 5 acres of land on the north side of the river from Levi Harris Badgley on 5th December 1952 for $500.00 That purchase gave effective control of the river adjacent to the picnic grounds Levi Harris Badgley and Duncan Bolton both conveyed whatever interest they had in the river to the corporation

Profits were devoted to improving the property fences were erected, grounds levelled for a baseball diamond, roses planted along the laneway and toilets constructed Members of the corporation planted many trees, which have since grown to considerable size

Entertainment has taken many forms Bands

from Bothwell, Croton, Dresden, Florence, Moravianstown, Petrolia, Wardsville and other places played in the afternoon and evening and are well remembered for the quality of their music. For the evening concerts of music, humour, sleight of hand, artists and dancers, the committee, for almost 50 years, under the Chairmanship of Clayton Sharp, latterly Harold Dobbyn, was always very careful to choose artists of the highest calibre.

By 1959, a skiing and water show had taken the place of boat races. In 1960, the Shetland Boat Club took over the water show and for many years has added much to the success of the picnic.

On the 8th of May, 1963, the corporation conveyed all the lands acquired by it to Sydenham Valley Conservation Authority incorporated under the Conservation Authorities Act of the Province of Ontario for consideration of $1.00 on the condition that the same would be maintained in perpetuity as a Conservation Area and Park for the inhabitants of the community and others, and that the community might continue to operate the picnic as heretofore and the local boat club could continue as it had done. Many improvements have since been made: picnic tables brought to the property, roadways improved, parking area marked, and roads and fences improved. Many people come now to this area to rest and enjoy the quietness of the beautiful countryside. Family picnics are a regular sight, and group camping is allowed.

In 1971, a tug of war was part of the day's entertainment. The minutes recorded in 1972 state that the Boat Club was given chickens and charcoal.

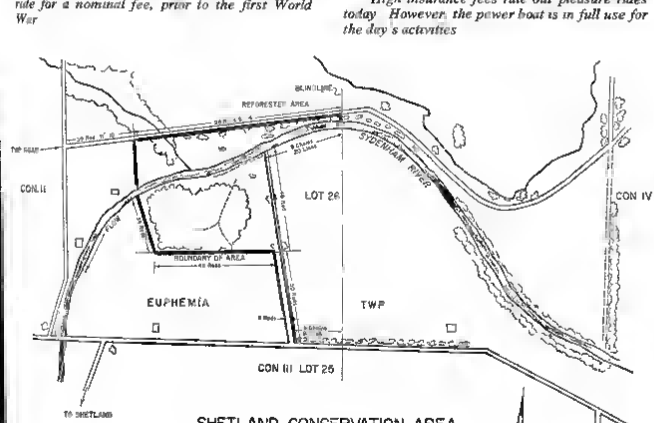
This photo shows 7 canoes lining up for competition in 1975. Each entrant had to gunnel bob upstream to the marker and single paddle back to the finish line.

FAMOUS FLYING LEAP — The "Shetland Connections" Allan Gray and Stuart Sharp are pictured as they prepare to climb the hill for their famous flying leap across the Sydenham, at Shetland picnic (1975).

EXECUTIVE AT WORK — Being on the executive for the Shetland Picnic Association isn't exactly a position of honour and prestige as these three men can attest. Shown here as they hook up connections on the propane stoves on Tuesday night before the picnic are, left to right, John Drage, Secretary; Owen Dobbyn, President; Ted Sharp, Past President. The Shetland U.C.W. ladies sponsor a booth, which is their biggest money making project of the year, as well as one of the busiest and tiring days of the year for the diligent workers.

Levi Badgley and Thomas H Moorhouse had a motor boat in which picnickers might have a ride for a nominal fee, prior to the first World War

High insurance fees rule out pleasure rides today However, the power boat is in full use for the day's activities

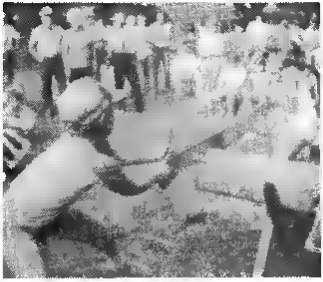


in payment for their show By 1974, the entrance fee was raised to $1 50 then to $2 00 in 1977.

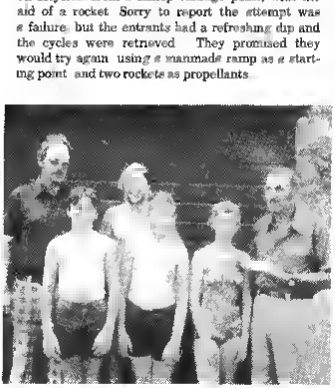
About 1975 canoe races were introduced under the direction of Donald Craig Many local canoeists, members of the Euphemia Club participate

The mile swim is a big event each year along with swimming and diving competitions. There is usually a scramble for a watermelon, but in 1979 they used a live duck in place of the melon That same year a log was put across the river it was soaped and contestants were invited to walk the log

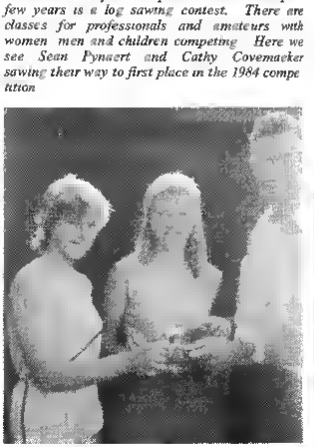
Hardly a year passes without 2 or 3 young men participating in a comic event during the boat show The Shetland Connections were featured one year They attempted to leap the river on bicycles from a hilltop vantage point, with the aid of a rocket Sorry to report the attempt was a failure but the entrants had a refreshing dip and the cycles were retrieved They promised they would try again using a manmade ramp as a starting point and two rockets as propellants



A new competitive sport introduced the past few years is a log sawing contest. There are classes for professionals and amateurs with women men and children competing Here we see Sean Pynaert and Cathy Covemaeker sawing their way to first place in the 1984 competition



In 1975, 4 entrants took part in the mile swim and all finished. Front left to right Scott Montgomery 13 of Dubrevtlville Northern Ontario finished 4th Dugal Smith 14 of Croton finished 3rd Wendy Smith 16 of Croton finished 1st John Drage secretary of the Shetland Picnic corporation. Back row left to right Owen Dobbyn, President of the organization, Joe Elliott 18 of Shetland who finished 2nd in the event.



In 1984, President Bernie Bergsma presents a monetary award to Connie Crozier (centre) of Glencoe who won the mile swim Robert Gray was second, Marilyn Powers (left) of Shetland won 3 firsts in swimming and diving events

Clayton Sharp

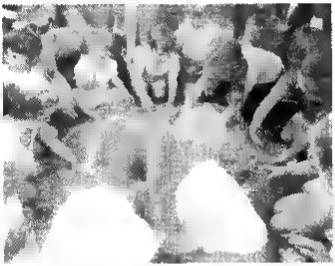
Delbert Brownlee

Frank Johnston

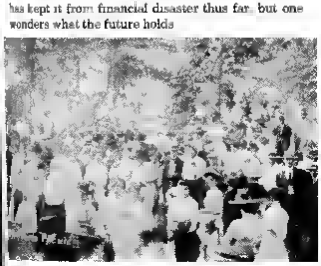
Clayton Sharp and Delbert Brownlee were 2 committee members who attended the picnic every year to within a year or so of their deaths Frank Johnston was another loyal supporter He acted as secretary of the association for some 43 years

Most of the men of the community have at one time or another held an office in the association and it is interesting to note how many of the sons followed in their fathers' footsteps The picnic has operated as a labour of love and no person has been paid for services in preparation for or the holding of the picnic

Expenses have been steadily rising and attendance has dimished over the past few years The admission fee was still $2 00 per adult with children 12 and under free in 1984 The Campbell Pipe Band cost $50 00 and the fee for entertainment runs about $350-$400 As a result the picnic has operated at a loss since 1980 Debenture interest has kept it from financial disaster thus far but one wonders what the future holds



SAWDUST SCRAMBLE — A special event for all children 5 and under is the saw dust scramble for candy and coins These tots were just one of the groups digging for a reward in 1984 A full slate of land races is held each year for children of all ages



Past and Present

8 — The Sydenham River

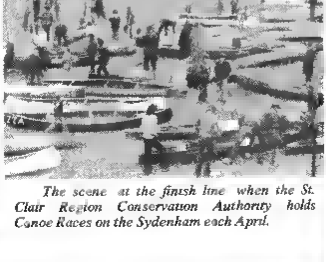
Bear Creek until 1846 and now called the Sydenham River has always played an important part in the life of the Shetland community

In the early days when there were only trails through the woods it was the main transportation route During the winter logs were cut hauled and piled in great quantities on the river bank below Richard Dobbyn's home

In the spring when the water level was high the logs were floated downstream to the mill possibly Detroit at first then Dresden and Wallaceburg

River water power also operated the stone grist mill and a saw mill located one-half mile from the village A dam was built to divert the water flow through the mill and fish below the dam were so abundant they hauled them in with dip nets and sold them as a profitable business

Before hydro power came to the village in the early thirties the refrigerant was ice so the families worked together to put in the year's supply of block ice The large blocks were cut loaded onto sleds hauled up the bank and stored in sawdust either in sheds to be used on the farm or in the village ice house to be sold by the local merchant



The scene at the finish line when the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority holds Canoe Races on the Sydenham each April.

The river supports many pleasure activities today just as it did in the past Skating was a favourite winter pastime years ago for there were no sports complexes then Tobogganing and sleigh rides were fun activities on the sloping banks in the village area Ice fishing was popular in the early 1900's and a fresh pickerel dinner makes a welcome change today on any winter menu Snowmobiling is another activity enjoyed by Shetland folk during the winter months Its great fun to cruise along at high speed on the smooth ice then suddenly come upon a patch of open water - and try to perform like Evil Knevil I'm sure there has been the odd water logged machine retrieved from 3-5 feet of icy water

EUPHEMIA PARTICIPANTS — Included front (left to right) Greg Lunn of R R 2 Florence John Sinclair Tricia Downie and Janet Sinclair of R R 2 Bothwell. Behind is Kevin Marwood home for the weekend race from Toronto

VIP WINNERS — Don Craig (centre) race co-ordinator from the St Clair Region Conservation Authority is flanked on both sides by winners in V I P race Bill Bilton (left) and Alex Gray (right) representing Euphemia township council

When spring arrives and winter snow accumulation melts the Sydenham is very apt to overflow its banks Years ago the water level would rise slowly and dissipate just as slowly, but now with farms well tiled and many drainage ditches to carry great quantities of surface water, the river levels remain high for several days.

Nothing can compare to the beauty and quietness of nature as experienced in a canoe travelling downstream on the Sydenham in early spring or late fall The sounds, the bird life, the animal life and life in the water itself seems as if it belongs in another world, as you glide along on the smooth surface Suddenly you hear the sound of rushing water and you round the next bend to find yourself paddling your way through a stretch of white water rapids If one could view the river from the air, as it snakes its way through the countryside between Shetland and Florence, you would appreciate the fact that it traverses a course no less than 7 miles in length Each spring the St. Clair Conservation Authority sponsors a canoe race For the past few years the race has begun near Aughrim and finishes at Shetland Conservation area Many of the local participants belong to the Euphemia Canoe Club, organized by Don Craig The canoe race is a popular event bringing participants from many places in Ontario

For the past 9 years a fishing derby has been held on May 24th weekend on the Sharp farm As many as 120 persons have paid the one dollar registration fee permitting them to fish in the Syden-

FISHING DERBY PARTICIPANTS 1982

FISHING DERBY WINNERS in 1985 — Back left to right - Dave Thompson of Thamesville - $17.00 for second largest fish weighing 1 lb 11½ ozs. Bob Young of Chatham - $13.00 second for catching 2 fish totalling 2 lbs 1½ ozs. Shawn Bilton of Florence - $21.00 first for catching 2 fish totalling 4 lbs 5½ ozs. Front left to right - Jim Elgie of Croton - $25.00 for largest fish weighing 3 lbs 9 4 ozs. Shawna Webster of Florence - $5.00 for smallest fish weighing ½ ounce.

ham for 3 hours and have their catch weighed to be eligible for a prize. Gordon Prangley and Barry Osborne organized the event for 1985 and Pat (Elliott) Osborne was recording secretary. Fish caught this year included suckers, bass, shiners, catfish and sheepshead ranging in size from 3 lbs 9 4 ozs. to ½ ounce. Its an exciting family oriented event for children of all ages and a time for fishing and socializing for the adults as well.

The Shetland Boat Club uses the river extensively in the summer months as they practise for their Shetland Picnic water show. There have been exhibitions of all types of water skiing - one ski, two skis, barefoot, on a saucer, doing a head stand, ramp jumping, slalom, ballet, skier solute, over and under 3 skier slalom and 360 degree turns on banana peels (trick skis). The youngest participants have been Margaret Ann Gray at age 2 and Margaret Ann's daughter Ahsa Wright also age 2. There have been a number of skiers who were 50 plus. One Sunday, there were 23 boats in the river, ranging from Leith Moorhouse's homemade "Sea Flea" with a 10 H.P. motor to the largest motor boats belonging to Bob Fennell and Jim Brennan.

For a number of years there was a woven wire bridge across the river. This bridge was masterminded and constructed by Roy Elliott and used as a short cut from his farm south of the river (on the first concession) to his farm north of the river. (originally the Powell farm).

Over the years, the majority of Shetland children learned to swim in the river at the park and spent many an hour swinging out over the water on the rope tied to the maple tree, then dropping into the water and swimming to the bank to repeat the procedure. Many swimmers learned to dive from diving boards located on both the north and south banks over the years.

SHETLAND NAMES

When I moved into the midst of the Shetland Fansher and Florence communities in 1955, a rather unique situation prevailed. Nearly all the young men born in the 20's and early 30's possessed nicknames - so instead of identifying a person by one name, you had to learn double labels. Many of those labels are still as prominent today, as they were back in 1939.

THE SYDENHAM CAMP OUT

One day in the summer of 1939, a group of young Shetland area lads decided they would go on a two day camping spree. The spot was selected on the river flats of the Charles Elliott farm. Everyone invited was told what they should bring by Frog, as he was the general organizer. Colourful tents and sleeping bags were not the order of the day in depression years; so each boy brought along a couple of blankets, some dishes, silverware and food. The day was spent swimming (in the nude - for who had a bathing suit in those days?) and having mud fights. By supper time everyone was famished and exhausted. The meal was cooked on a camp fire and the usual eerie ghost stories related. When darkness fell a decision was made to sleep on the lawn near the house, rather than by the river.

By this time, it was pitch black, and monstrous mosquitoes were out in swarms. Now, Skeeter was prone to sleep walking, so it was decided to tie his toe to Oscar's toe, so someone would be alerted if the need arose. Tobe wasn't going to let any mos-

quite bother him so he rolled completely up in his blanket, head and all

At the first crack of dawn the roosters started to crow and everyone was awake, ready for breakfast. Buzz went looking for firewood. Skeeter was sent to the hen house for fresh eggs and Frog located the milk cow in the pasture, so warm milk was available on tap. After another strenuous day of activity, everyone enjoyed a supper of canned sausage, which Jazz had brought from Mother's pantry shelf. Since the mosquitoes hadn't gone on holiday, it was agreed that the second night should be spent on the parlour floor. Admiral and Rusty were not in on the camping, but they were on hand to do some tossing and tormenting and six year old Bones wandered back to see what the big guys were up to. By the second day at noon the food supply was depleted, lack of sleep was causing some irritability and nearly everyone had earaches at departing time or at least, by the following day. So endeth the Sydenham Camp out.

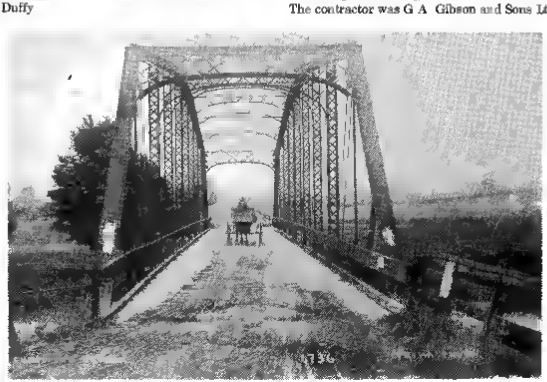
Can you identify these names in and around Shetland? Bennett, Goosey, (ae)Sop, Sarge, Creaser, Pussy Foot, Tiny, Grandpa, Tobe, Oscar, Skeeter, Buzz, Bones, Frog, Jazz, Plug, Friday, Pie and Duffy.

BRIDGES

The first bridge across the river was a foot bridge, followed by a wooden bridge set on a pier in the centre of the river, built by John and James Dobbyn. The next bridge was a steel one, which was set on cylinders and built by Greensides. Ice caused the cylinders to collapse and it was washed away. A temporary steel bridge was erected and had to be taken apart to let logs through.

Extracts from Euphemia Council minutes report that on March 16, 1887, Dobbyn's bridge was reported unsafe. Lauchlan Smith and Wilbert Moorhouse recommended the building of a new bridge. On November 3, 1887, Wm. Bilton made a motion and Wilbert Moorhouse seconded it, that the tender of Wm. Law of the Central Iron Bridge Company, Peterborough, for the sum of $4,150.00 be accepted for the erection of an iron bridge across the River Sydenham, on the site known as Dobbyn's to be completed by January 1, 1889. Bylaw 173 authorized the work and bylaw 177 authorized the borrowing of money for it. It was completed by August 9, 1888, ahead of schedule.

The present bridge was constructed in 1961-62. The contractor was G. A. Gibson and Sons Ltd., from



BRIDGE CONSTRUCTED 1888

Old road along river's edge facing south toward Shetland.

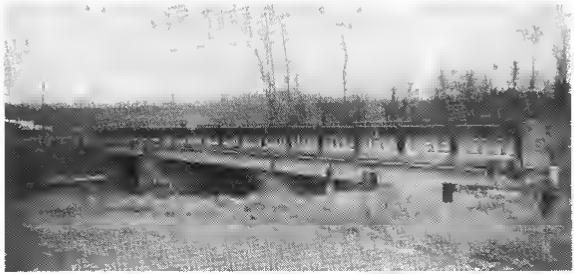
Wroxeter, Ontario and the contract price was $40 158 00. Since the road along the river was tending to slide towards the river a piece of land was purchased from Roland Dobbyn to build a new road west of his farm buildings.

Marguerite Blake and Ruth Dobbyn fed the workers while they were on the job site and the men lived in construction huts.

"Did you hear about the body found floating in the river?" It happened some years ago. You could see it from the bridge so as a crowd gathered, Tom Elliott and Roland Dobbyn got into a boat and paddled up for a closer look. It was turned face down, its hair matted and its legs heavy, pulled down by the current.

When the question was again asked, "Who was it?" John Drage replied chuckling a bit, "Who just a body ... that I made. Owen Dobbyn was in on it too. We made the thing of cork wood, plastic and horsehair."

The river has also taken its toll. Over the years there have been two drownings, an adult and a child, and old diaries record the loss of livestock from time to time.



Bridge built in 1961-62 in use today (1985)

9 — School

It is believed that the first school classes were held in the log church, which was built in 1835. Maria Gibson was the first teacher. A log school house was then built south of John Drew's blacksmith shop, which was located in the north part of the gore formed by the concession road and the river road about 1851. At that time a piece of land 66 foot square was purchased from John Dobbyn. There was just a pathway between the school and blacksmith shop. When the log school burned the pupils met over John Dobbyn's brick cellar.

Wm Armstrong
Tp Clk of Euphemia

Records show that by deed on the 7th of March, 1863 registered the 21st of April 1863 as No. 662 William Dobbyn, yeoman and his wife Ellen Jane conveyed to Henry Moorhouse, William Fenby and Thomas Moorhouse Sr., as trustees of S.S. No. 1 part of lot 25, concession 3, commencing at the south west angle of the lot, then north one chain and 25 links and going to a depth of 4 chains.

On this piece of land (south of the present hall) a frame cottage was built for a school and the school property in the gore was sold to John Drew.

Teachers listed from 1855-1877 included Miss Gibson, Mr. Hyme, Mr. Silcox, Thomas Bell, Walter H. Moorhouse, Miss Irving and Miss Scurrah. An early settler and teacher in Shetland was Wm. Armstrong known as "Pap" or Pappy". He was born in Edinburgh Scotland in 1811. He emigrated to Canada as a young man and took up teaching. He received a land lot from Colonel Talbot in 1831. He was the first recipient to hold a first class teaching certificate in the township of Zone, County of Kent (now Euphemia). After teaching for nearly 50 years, he retired on a government pension of $266 a year.

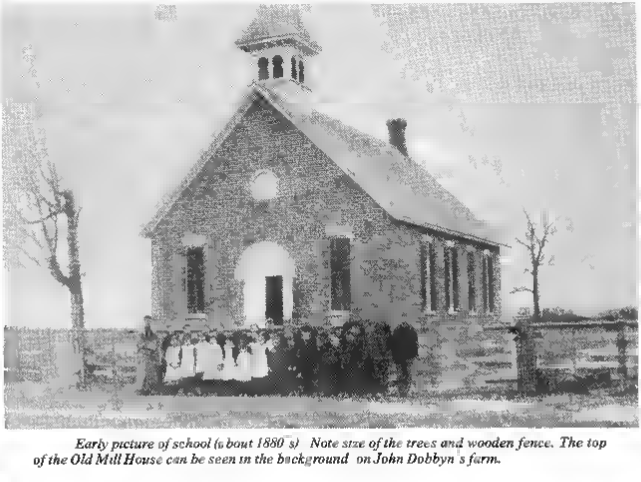
For the next 3 years he interested himself in township matters, working as assessor and clerk. His vast experiences made him a travelling encyclopedia on almost every conceivable subject.

He acted as justice of the peace and did much work in the way of conveyances, as a representative of Colonel Talbot. He established a post office which he had the honour of naming Aberfeldy after a village near his birthplace in Scotland. He died at age 83.

Mr. Richard Dobbyn was one of the early teachers in Shetland and was also a magistrate for many years. Having taught school in Ireland before coming to Canada, it was no doubt his influence as a teacher, which laid a firm foundation in academic education for the early inhabitants of the Bear Creek community. Mr. Dobbyn displayed a vast knowledge of mathematics and science and excelled in penmanship. He enjoyed making sun dials (vertical, horizontal and equinoctial). Another item exhibiting his skill was an ecliptic by placing a lamp in the centre, to represent the sun, he could show the day's length in any month or latitude.

Richd. Dobbyn
First Reeve of Euphemia

Honour Promotion Certificate 1870 Teacher Walter H. Moorhouse



Early picture of school (about 1880's) Note size of the trees and wooden fence. The top of the Old Mill House can be seen in the background on John Dobbyn's farm.

About 1870 the school sections were mapped out in the township By deed dated December 1 1877 registered December 21 1877 as No 2580 Elmore F Ross conveyed 1¼ acres in lot 24 concession 2 to the trustees of school section No 1 In 1878 a brick school was erected on the southern edge of the village and the first teacher in this school was Elizabeth Wilson who later married Alexander Dobbyn

When the frame school was no longer in use Alfred Moorhouse used it as a cheese factory Carrie (Moorhouse) Wilson's mother, Emily used to make cheese cloth bands for the cheeses before Alfred Moorhouse married The factory closed in 1880 When Alfred went west, Richard Laird used the building for a stable while he operated a boot shoemaking and repair shop in the village until about 1915 Later it was moved to the back of the lot next door (to the south) and used as a stable and garage The east half of the building was used as an ice house in connection with the store Both Levi Badgley and George Bolton sold ice from it

The early schools were heated with a huge wood burning stove with wood stored in the wood shed An oven in the stove pipe was great for warming food and drying mitts

After 1915 a gas jet was put into the furnace and the school was heated with gas This worked fine as long as the mill wasn't drawing too much pressure or some of the older boys who were peeved with the teacher hadn't closed the valve on the gas line Half way When gas was no longer available a new box stove was put in to burn wood and coal then changed to oil heat about 1951 Drinking water facilities consisted of a pail and community dipper while washing facilities included a wash basin and slop pail Primitive toilet facilities were provided outside near the back fence Later chemical toilets

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Course of study for Promotion from the [illegible] and Third Classes, as adopted by the "Teachers' Association," February 9th, 1883.

Subject.	First Class	Second Class.	Third Class.
READING.	Tablet Lessons and First Reader	Second Reader and Literature.	Third Reader. Special preparation of lessons before Verbal dictation.
SPELLING.	Spelling from Reading Lessons, orally and on slates.	Spelling from Reading Lessons, orally and on slates.	Spelling from Third Reader, orally on dictated paper
WRITING	Writing on slates. Small letters well made. Transcription from reader	Writing on slates and paper. Questions on letters. Capitals well made. Transcription from reader	Copy writing. Transcription. Notes, receipt, order, cheque, account.
ARITHMETIC	Numeration and Notation to 1000. Addition and Subtraction. Use of the signs, plus and minus	Numeration and Notation to 1,000,000. A thorough knowledge of the simple rules. Use of the signs, plus, minus multiplication and division	Dictated and Scott to the end of page 104. Theory and practice.
DRAWING.	Walter Smith, to Simple Curves, page 15. FOR NEXT YEAR.	Walter Smith, to Compound Curves, page 19 FOR NEXT YEAR.	Walter Smith to page 105. Review of course for First and Second Classes. FOR NEXT YEAR.
GEOGRAPHY	Cardinal points of the compass. Description of objects from School House or Home.	County of Lambert thoroughly prepared. Map of Lambert Definitions.	Definitions—North and South America and Canada Map drawing. Generally
GRAMMAR and COMPOSITION	Formation of sentences, with one or two given words from the Reading Lessons.	Sentences containing words from Reader. Meanings of words and phrases in Reader	Parts of Speech. Analysis of simple sentences as follows—Sentence, kind, subject, or argument, predicate, completion, extension. Descriptive writing
OBJECT LESSON	Form, Size, Weight and Color of common objects.	For this year Elephant and Whale thoroughly prepared. To be changed every year	Elephant, Whale and Lion. To be changed every year
TEMPERANCE and HYGIENE			Digestion and Circulation

Singing, Drill and Calisthenics as an Official Programme.

Fourth Class Course, entrance to High School.

Special Lessons for Third Class:—John Adams and his Late, Grace Darling, Animal Training, Fidelity The Mouse's Position, The Beaver Creation The Savager of North America The Battle of Queenston Heights, Fenton's Attempt to Capture Detroit, The Good Samaritan, The Chesapeake and the Shannon, Alfred the Great.

BY ORDER OF THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

C. A. BARNES,
INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Chas. A. Barnes
Inspector of Public Schools
FOREST

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PUPILS AND TEACHER OF S S #1 EUPHEMIA IN 1915 — Standing left to right Agnes Dobbyn, Ivy Stevens, Mary Gray, Stella Johnston, Myrtle Bolton, Flossie Bolton, Catherine Fleming, Charlie Johnston, James Blakie, Charlie Fox and teacher Evelyn Long. Second row, left to right Verda Badgley, Marguerite Dobbyn, Lizzie Fleming, Ada Stevens, Grace Bilton, Fleda Brownlee, Reta Badgley, Mary Powell, Ila Bolton, Viola Tullet and Mildred Bolton. Front row, left to right Harold Dobbyn, Bartlan Johnston, Russell Gray, Oswald Moorhouse, Emerson Moorhouse, Orlando Johnston, Aubrey Dobbyn, Adrian Fox, Roland Dobbyn, Duncan Gray, Harold Moorhouse and Nelson Powell.

were put in the entry way. The belfry housed the large brass bell. About twice a year one of the older boys would ring the bell exceptionally energetically - then when the rope was released the bell would make a 360 degree turn, and the rope would end up in the belfry. This necessitated locating a long ladder and a climb into the belfry to retrieve the rope.

Growing a school garden on the property was an annual project and "Arbour Day" around May 24 was a day for raking the lawn, planting trees and a trip to the woods to view wild flowers.

To the pupils attending the rural school the highlight of the year had to be the Christmas concert. About December 1, practises would begin for the plays, drills, recitations, etc. The concert would be held in the evening at the hall, around December 20.

The children and their parents would arrive along with grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends until the tiny building, fairly bulged at the seams and standing room was at a premium. One of the trustees or some prominent community member would act as chairman. The children performed angelically dressed in their Sunday best. Around closing time Santa Claus always arrived, wearing his red suit and cotton whiskers, to kiss the teacher and distribute gifts from the Christmas tree.

Music was usually on the school curriculum. During the early years, tuning forks were used to lead the singing class. Friday afternoons were special as there were spelling matches and occasionally an afternoon of recitations, singing and dialogue. In preparation for special occasions such as Mother's Day or concerts, residents of the community, Mrs. T.H. Moorhouse and Mrs. A. May assisted the teacher with the music program.

About the mid-forties a music teacher visited the school once a week and gave instruction. Mrs. McMillan was a well known instructress. At that time, local school choirs participated in music festivals -- and Shetland won acclaim at the Sarnia Music Festival on various occasions.

When pupils graduated from Senior Fourth (Grade 8 today) they continued their education at the Florence Continuation School. The old school was attended in 1911 and the new school in 1937 even had a Home Economics room and a workshop.

Pupils and teacher of S.S. #1 Euphemia in 1930. Back row, left to right: Jessie Gray, Doris Bolton, Jack Bilton, Currie Sharp, teacher Lela Bilyea. Front, left to right: Lloyd Bilton, Stanley Bolton, Mildred Bolton, Dorothy Drage, Ola Bolton, Hazel May, Tom Elliott, Lloyd May, Alex Moorhouse. Absent were: Phyllis Dobbyn, Betty Drage.

Pupils and teacher of S S #1 Euphemia in 1958 Back row left to right Teacher Alma Wright Nancy Bilton Larry Prangley Mervin Howes Alex Blake Winnifred Brown 2nd row left to right Noreen Elliott Patsy Elliott Shannon Bolton Mary Jean Prangley Margaret Brown Gordon Prangley 3rd row left to right Allan Gray Mavais Gawne Ronnie Wilcox Murray Prangley, Patsy Dark Front, left to right Clyde Cowell Larry Dark Robert Elliott.

Students travelled to school on foot on horse back on bicycles in buggies and in cars. Some families and their neighbours arranged car pools. In September 1947 school buses started to carry students to and from high school.

In the early 1900's some students boarded with relatives or friends to attend a nearby high school. Some attended boarding schools such as Alma College St. Thomas.

Teachers who remained in the community or were raised in Euphemia included Miss Evelyn Long (1914-1920) who married Delbert Brownlee; Miss Margaret Campbell (1922-1925) who married Stafford Moorhouse. Mrs. Freda Robinson - 1945 Miss Phyllis Dobbyn - 1946 Miss Alma Wright - 1958-1961.

When the rural school was closed in June 1965 Mrs. Clara Corlett (left) was the teacher and Mrs. Joan Downie (right) was the itinerant music teacher

Teaching staff in 1967 included back left to right – Marjory Johnston Margaret Tomen Gerry Durfy Mary Ross–Mary Lou Fulton. Front left to right Clara Corlett Marjorie Hands Diana Lampman

In 1963 the township school area was formed and a new central school was built on part of lot 25, concession 5 The rural schools including S S #1 closed their doors in June 1965 Since the new school was not ready for occupancy in September all pupils were bussed to Florence There classrooms were set up in the public school and used until November The new Euphemia Township Central School was officially opened on January 14 1966

The area of the school was 11,635 square feet with a capacity of 210 students Enrollment in 1966 was 196

The contract price was $199,994.00 and architect fees were $11,999.64 Furniture and drapery added $9,258.76 The 8.2 acres of land was purchased from Robert Annett for $5,000.00 The well is 72 feet deep The school is heated by oil fired hot water and has a 400 amp hydro service. Transportation consisted of a fleet of 4 66 passenger buses operated by George Bodkin of Florence Drivers at that time were George Bodkin John Bilton John Koster and Bob Bergsma Custodian was Bernie Bergsma

School board members were Fred Fansher chairman Edwin Walker Vice Chairman James Brennan Sherman Card Wilbert North Ivan Armstrong Secretary Treasurer

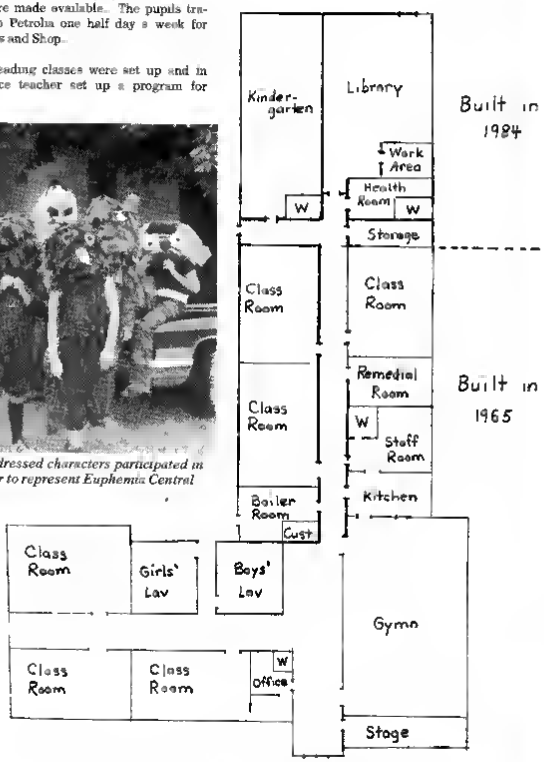
In 1969 the County school board was formed Euphemia had one elected representative on the new board – James Brennan

In September 1969 the first kindergarten class was started Mrs Ruth McDonald was the teacher and classes were held in a rectangular portable In 1971 a round portable was moved in to serve as a kindergarten room The first portable became a classroom and a library was established in 1972 For a year previous Marlou Meredith organized a library in the storage room

With the advent of a county system Industrial Arts classes were made available. The pupils travelled by bus to Petrolia one half day a week for Home Economics and Shop.

Remedial reading classes were set up and in 1979 a Resource teacher set up a program for gifted children

These well dressed characters participated in the Florence Fair to represent Euphemia Central



Ron Mansfield — Principal 1975-76

Jeff Armstrong (left) presents Shaeffer pens to Principal Syd Fletcher who moved to Forest in 1981 and to Vera Loosemore who retired as librarian at Euphemia Central.

FIELD DAY CHAMPIONS — Winning trophies as individual champions were left to right back row — Billy Kerr Intermediate boy Vanessa Knox Intermediate girl Darlene Rilett — Senior girl Mike Blythe Senior boy Front row — Shawn Bilton Junior boy Jenny Rilett —Mite girl Jeremy Alexander— Mite boy Darlene Kulak Junior girl 1981—

Speaking Contest Winners in April 1978 were Senior 1 Donna Macaulay Dionne Quintuplets absent 2 Heather Rolston Elaine Tanner 3 - Carol Johnston U F O s Junior 1 John Kerr My Trip to Eneau 2 Janet Downie Bing Crosby 3 Tricia Downie Dinosaurs 4 Colleen Rolston Elvis Presley—

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION — Left to right Rosilla Elliott school secretary gets information from Shirley Sinclair and daughter Janet also Sara Sewell and her grandmother Mrs Wilma MacRobert in April 1978

Principals over the years included Gerry Durfy - 1965-1974 Dave Clements - 1974 Ron Mansfield 1975-1978 Syd Fletcher - 1978-1981 Robert Hext - 1981 till present (1985) Board representatives have been Jas Brennan Lorne Smith for Dawn and Euphemia Alex Gilroy for Brooke and Euphemia and Ed Gray for Brooke and Euphemia

The present school secretary is Mrs Rosilla Elliott of Bothwell She has held the position since 1973

Itinerant music teachers have been Joan Downie Elaine Leeson Connie Douglas (Cameron), Frances Lindsay and Dan Surman

Public speaking winners in 1980-81 were Kim Morwood, Janet Downie and Kathy Munro. Dr. A C. Moorhouse holds the Senior Winners Plaque.

STAFF IN 1982 — Back row, left to right: Mrs. Margaret Coleman, Miss Karen Johnson, Mrs. Rosilla Elliott, Mr. Bernie Bergsma, Mr. Murray Sharp, Mrs. Carolyn Willmore, Mrs. Mary Lou Bilton. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Nancy McCurdy, Mrs. Marjorie Hands, Mr. Robert Hext, Mrs. Eileen Patterson, Mrs. Wanda Rich. The staff in 1985 is much the same except that Karen (Johnston) McLean took Wanda Rich's place and additional staff includes Brenda Beattie. Itinerant teachers are: Mary Ethel Douglas, Resource; Cheryl Keep, Speech; Fran Lindsay, Music.

Janice Wranich (left) Jim Rich (centre) Shelley McVicar (right) show off the silver dollars they received for running the most laps. The Lap competition is run each winter to promote physical fitness.

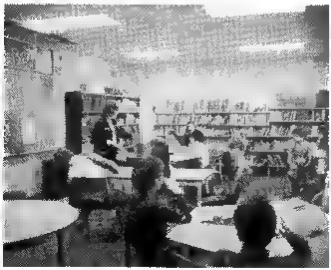
The Grade 7 and 8 had an overnight trip to Forest United Church Camp in 1980-81 to enjoy winter sports

In 1984 a 60 x 57 foot addition was constructed at a cost of $209,319.00 which included furnishings. This part houses a new kindergarten room, a library, nurse's room and storage area. One portable is used for teaching French. Instruction in French began in 1971 for Grades 7 and 8. Today every student from Grade 3-8 receives 20 minutes of French daily.

There are still 4 buses in operation, owned by McNaughtons from Watford. Drivers in 1985 are John Myers, Bill Bodkin, Lee Johnston and John Vanderveen.

In 1984, 14 students started kindergarten in September. Eight classrooms were in use with 153 pupils in attendance. Twenty-two students are registered to begin kindergarten in September 1985, so it appears the population is on an upward trend.

KINDERGARTEN ROOM IN NEW ADDITION 1984



LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE IN NEW ADDITION 1984

EUPHEMIA HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

On November 15 1967 a meeting was held and the first executive members were elected. Gerry Durfy was the Principal Advisor. President - Norma Wright. Secretary-Treasurer - Theresa Armstrong. Program Committee – Betty Annett, Alma Brown, Marion Elliott, Joan Downie. Lunch Committee - Helen Prangley, Dora Whitson, Dorothy Macaulay. Room Representatives - 1 Pat Thompson 2 Phyllis Cumming 3 Maxine Elliott 4 - Darlene Broad, 5 Ann Lunn.

The first official meeting of the Home and School was held on January 6, 1968 with over 100 parents and ratepayers present.

Over the years money raised by the Home and School group has added many "frills" of benefit to the students. They have helped pay for awards - trophies, plaques, bars, crests, school uniforms, one time at the arena for skating parties and buses for class trips. They have held skate and boot exchanges, benefit dances and card parties for families with a particular need. They have built sand boxes and are raising money to buy materials for the kindergarten Wendy House.

In March 1971, the group sponsored a family dance with a band in attendance. These affairs were an annual occasion for 10 years.

In January 1975, hot lunches during the winter months were introduced. Soup was donated by each family and hot dogs were prepared and sold at a minimal fee.

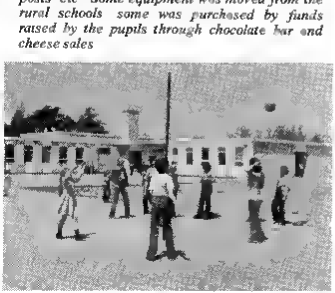
James Brennan donated an oil painting which hangs in the main hallway in November 1970.

Card parties held on a regular basis during the winter months provide working funds. In 1982 Helen McLachlan donated an oil painting as a prize draw at the final card party of the season.

In 1984 Jack Towstuic donated a wooden game table as a draw prize.

The present executive includes President – Shirley Sinclair. Vice President - Cindy Cross. Secretary-Treasurer - Linda Peters. Hot dog convenor – Marg Elliott. Soup convenors – Betty Elliott and Zdenka Baresich.

The playground equipment is well used by the junior pupils. Parents helped install tires, posts etc. Some equipment was moved from the rural schools; some was purchased by funds raised by the pupils through chocolate bar and cheese sales.



Tetherball and 4 square are played on the tarmac.

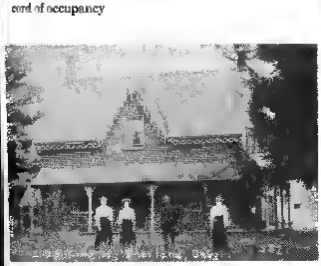
Village view coming into Shetland on the River Road. It has been called "Spruce Row" since the early 70's. Mr T.H. Moorhouse planted the trees in 1914, the year he was married to Muriel (Dobbyn)

10 — Homes

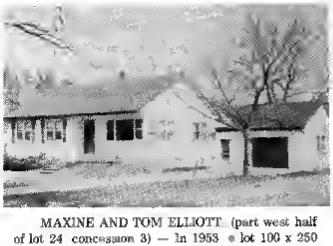
MRS. RAYLEENE OLIVER (mother of Lynn Wilcox) - (part west half of lot 24, concession 3) — The house was built on the Ron Wilcox farm, south of the laneway, along County Road #8. It was designed and built by Ron Wilcox and a friend from London, in the winter of 1981-82. Mrs. Oliver moved into the house on December 12, 1982. The home is 26 feet x 40 feet, has a full basement, large kitchen, living room, two bedrooms, one bath and a laundry room. It is electrically heated, but a wood stove supplies most of the heat.

LYNN AND RONALD WILCOX - (part of west half and east half of lot 24, concession 3) — This 200 acres property was deeded to Arthur Bobier from the crown in 1848, under Colonel Talbot's jurisdiction. It stated that rights to gold, silver and white pine trees were excluded. It seems that John Drew owned the south 100 acres in 1862. About 1896 the Wurds owned the property and Alfred Pesha bought it sometime before 1903. The Guino family lived there in the early 1900's, next the Jim Vosburg family rented it, then the Jeffrey family moved in. About 1934, John Smith purchased it from Mr

Fesha. The Smith family was raised there and included Gordon, Donald, Rhea (Fay), Inez (Hay), Archie, Martin, Mary (Parsons), Maurice, Homer and Janet (Millard). In 1951, Glen Wilcox purchased the farm and the Smiths moved to Tuppersville. Leola and Glen lived there with their family - Ronald, Dennis and Carolyn (Willmore) until 1959 when they purchased a business in Chatham. In August 1960 Jean (Buschemeyer) and Norman Elliott rented the home until March 1962. Scott was born while they lived there, then they purchased lot 16 concession 3, where they still reside. Corrie and Bernie Bergsma lived in the house from March 1962 - 1964. Their family included Talbot, Peter, Patricia, Jim and Bill, who was born while they lived there. Bergsmas moved to the farm on the west half of lot 24, concession 5, which they had purchased. In 1964 the Wilcox family built a new home east of the old house. It was a one story home with no basement. The main house is 28 feet wide and the double garage is 30 feet wide. The length totals 63 feet. Travis Bros. of Dresden were the builders. The home has a kitchen-dining area, living room, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a laundry and storage room. The house was electrically heated originally. Glen & sons Ronald purchased the farm in 1974. After Glen's death, Leola (Howes) moved to Chatham. In 1982, Ron installed an insert in the fireplace and it is used mainly for heating now. In 1982, Ron married Lynn (Oliver). They are presently replacing the original woodwork with oak and a fountain adorns the front lawn. At one time there was a frame house and small barn on the property south of the present laneway. We believe it must have been torn down in the late 20's and there is no record of occupancy.



Old home on Wilcox farm



MAXINE AND TOM ELLIOTT. (part west half of lot 24 concession 3) — In 1953 a lot 100 x 250 feet was purchased from Glen Wilcox on the east side of Lambton County Road 8. A well was drilled and good water was found about the 42 foot depth. In early 1954 a basement was excavated and after getting around some problems with water and sand, construction was started on a three bedroom house with a basement. All local people did the wiring, plumbing and finishing. Mason Bailey and D. Brownlee were the main carpenters. Ira Brownlee did the wiring and plumbing. Maxine and Tom moved into the house in 1955. In 1963 an addition was built which included a family room, bedroom, bathroom and garage. Maxine (McLachlin) and Tom's family raised here includes Patricia (Osborne), Sue Anne (Northcott) of Chatham, Alex, Mary (Maidment) of Toronto, Ruth of London, Christine (Johnson) Blenheim.

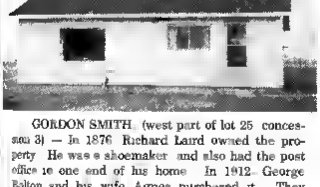
MRS. MARY (CHARLES) ELLIOTT. (W. lot 24, concession 3) — This house was once a 2 story hotel built in Cairo by George Tanner. In 1889 the hotel was sold to Richard Whalen, who was hotel

keeper until 1902. At one time it housed the Royal Bank and a shoe repair shop. In 1920, dances were sometimes held there. It was then made into apartments. John Huffman bought the building and the kitchen part was sold to Ernie Wallace, who moved it away. That part later burned. Richard Whalan again purchased the hotel as a family residence and his son, Jack, remodelled it, making it into a one story residence. Charles Graham bought it in 1946 and lived there until 1951. In August 1951 Harry and Ila Moorhouse bought the house and had Dave Steele of Newbury move it to Shetland to its present location. George Palmer helped put in tile around the basement and built cupboards and clothes closets. Harry and Ila moved into the house in 1952. Ila passed away in 1962. Harry in 1974. The house was sold to Elliott Bros. at the auction in March, 1975. Robert and Catherine Osborne lived in the house when they married in 1975, until their new home was built in April, 1979. In June 1979, Rick and Corrine Elliott moved in until Christmas 1980 when they moved to lot 21, concession 1 Euphemia. Mrs. Mary Elliott moved there in 1951 and still resides there.

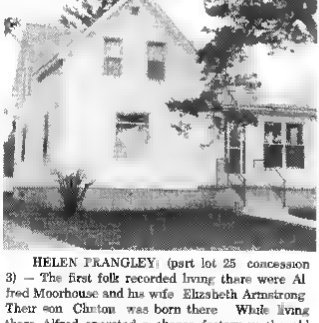
AUDREY AND ALEX BOLTON (part west half lot 24, concession 3) — In 1949, Alex Bolton built a three bedroom, brick home on a lot just south of the general store, which he owned. The lumber was purchased from Moffat and Powell and allowed to dry for a year before it was used. A carpenter named Stephenson from Watford worked for $1.25 an hour plus his dinner and his two helpers received $1.00 an hour plus a meal. The house has a full basement, a single car garage and a forced air furnace. There are hardwood floors throughout and a full bath. A special feature at that time was a Thor automatic clothes washer, spun dryer and kitchen sink combination. It was in use for approximately 10 years. The house still sports the original roof, made of Johns Mansville solid asbestos shingles with all copper valleys and flashings. Alex says it should last, at least, until the turn of the century. There are two Japanese walnut trees about 50 years old, still alive on the property. These supposedly short-lived trees are 2 of 6 planted by George Palmer, in the early 1930's. In 1967, a two story barn was moved from the Mawlam farm onto the property and converted into SAJA stables. Alex married Audrey (Webster) in 1950 and they have two daughters Shannon (Inglis) of Petrolia and Julia Faye (London) of Chatham.

BARBARA AND RONALD BECKETT (part of west lot 24, concession 3) — This house was built by Royal Badgley, father of Levi Badgley, who owned the store at one time. It was built in 1896 on land that was called the Ward farm. It is not known if Mr. Badgley had a deed for the piece of property, as he married Mrs. Ward that owned the farm. About 1903, Royal Badgley sold the house and lot to Alfred Peshe, who had bought the farm some time before. The Badgley's went west to homestead. Peter Pesha, Alfred's father moved into the house, then he moved a small barn over from his farm on the third concession. He lived there with his wife and daughter, until he was killed in a train accident at north Bothwell, on his way home from Kent Bridge. His widow and daughter lived there, until Mrs. Peshe died. The daughter left to live with relatives. The house was vacant for sometime, until Tom Playfoot married Bessie Rush, and he and his wife moved in. Tom worked for Levi Badgley in his blacksmith shop. About 1918, the library was moved to this house and Mrs. Playfoot was librarian.

When the Playfoots left to start farming the house was vacant George Palmer rented it in 1921 and lived alone until he married Mary Jane Bolton, daughter of Duncan Bolton later he bought the house and lot In 1932 George bought the ½ acre to the south from Mrs Levi Bedgley and planted trees along the north side In 1921, taxes on the property were $6 50, in 1967 they were $30 00 and in 1984, they were $432 00. George Palmer developed tuberculosis and spent a long time in the sanatorium in London He died in 1961 at age 77 Mrs Palmer worked in the sanatorium, so she could be with George as much as possible Mrs Palmer sold the house and lot to Reverend and Mrs J D Woollatt in 1962, as he was retiring from the ministry He was well-known in Shetland as he had ministered on the Florence charge for the past 5 years Mrs Palmer moved to London where she died in 1965 While the Palmers owned it George built the porch on the house and planted a number of trees and flowers He sold part of his lot to Alex Bolton for Alex's new home The Woollatts moved to Wardsville in 1971, when they sold the property to Ken Beckett and his wife Barbara (Roesch) The Beckett's have two children Annette and Don In 1978 a well was drilled on the property, in 1979 the kitchen was completely renovated and a third bedroom was finished on the second floor The house was insulated a new roof put on and a new gas furnace has replaced the old oil furnace



GORDON SMITH (west part of lot 25 concession 3) — In 1876 Richard Laird owned the property He was a shoemaker and also had the post office in one end of his home In 1912 George Bolton and his wife Agnes purchased it They moved in with their eldest child, Kathleen (Sinclair) Six other children were born there: Stanley, Herold, David, Doris (Doherty), Ola (Brown) and Mildred (Johnston) In 1926 the Boltons moved to the white house beside the store, where Alex and Shirley (Elliott) were born The old Bolton home was then vacant for a time Edith (Cracknell) and Clark Hillis rented it for a while, and finally the house was sold to George Tanner and moved to lot 26, concession 5 A small garage type building remained when Wm Bolton purchased the lot. The little building was remodelled and a kitchen built on Flossie (Rolston) and Charlie Bolton lived there in the early thirties When the Boltons moved Mrs Ethel Robinson rented the home from 1943 to 1961 She was librarian, while she lived there. The Edward Drage family lived there for about 2 years while their farm house was being renovated following a fire. Alvro Smith then purchased the property from Dykemans and the Wm. Playfoot family rented it in 1966-67 Gordon Smith now owns it He and his family moved there about 1972 Gordon Jr., Monica and Sheila were raised there Gordon remodelled the home adding a third bedroom, closing in a porch and installing a bathroom and utility room Gordon is living there in 1985

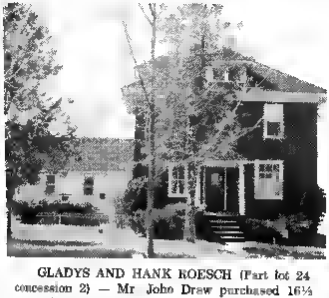


HELEN FRANGLEY (part lot 25 concession 3) — The first folk recorded living there were Alfred Moorhouse and his wife Elizabeth Armstrong Their son Clinton was born there While living there Alfred operated a cheese factory in the old frame school (south of the hall) The Moorhouses moved to S Dakota about 1890 Later Henry Moorhouse's parents Nathan and Emma (Benson) lived there till they moved to a farm on the west side of the river Ivie and Harry were born in that home Then Alonzo Badgley and Edith (Ward) lived there Alma, Albert and Keith (who drowned)

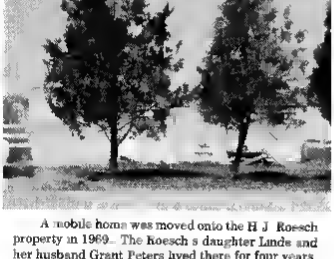
were born there. The Badgley family moved west to Manitoba. Next Levi Badgley and his wife Sarah (Wilson) purchased it. Verda Reta and Ilene (who died as a child) were born there. George Bolton and his wife Agnes (Brown) bought it in 1926. They had lived in the house next door (north) previously, where 7 children were born. Alex and Shirley Bolton were born in this house. George owned the store buying it from Badgley in 1926. In 1933, the store was destroyed by fire, so for a short time Mr. Bolton used part of this home for a store, until a new store could be built on the original site. After George's death in 1945, Mr. and Mrs. James Coulter rented the house from Elliott Bros., who purchased the property that same year. In 1949 Russell Elliott renovated the house. It was replastered, new kitchen cupboards and bathroom were put in, floors tiled, etc. Mildred (Leeson) and Russell raised their children Robert and Catherine there, until 1965, when they built a new home south of the school and moved there. At that time Russell Elliott traded his home for Earl Prangley's home (the red brick house north of the mill) and the red brick was torn down. The six Prangley children grew up in the house: Larry, Murray, Mary Jean (Hill) of Heidelberg, Ont., Gordon, George and William. In 1973, a garage and a breezeway in front of it were built. A Hadco well was also put down to get away from the sulphur water. In the fall of 1980, the house was insulated and in the spring of 1983, the veranda was closed in and the house sided with vinyl. A new cement floor was put in the breezeway and new sidewalks were installed in 1984. Mrs. Helen (Stewart) Prangley resides there now with sons - Larry and Gordon.

Old home on Tinney farm

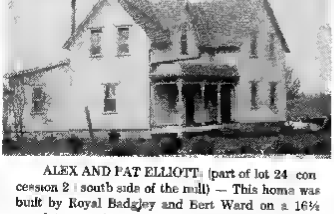
ROBERT TINNEY (part of west half of lot 25 concession 3) — The first we know of the north 50 acres of the present farm is that Wm. McDiarmid was the owner. He sold it to John Drew, the village blacksmith. When he died, he left it to his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Moorhouse. In 1910, Thos. S. Moorhouse sold it to his son, Thomas Henry Moorhouse. The south 50 acres belonged to Wm. Dobbyn first, and then to his son Joseph Dobbyn. The land on which the hall stands was purchased for $25.00 in 1895. Shetland village on the east side is built partly on this lot 25 and partly on lot 24 (now the Wilcox farm). In 1915, Alex Dobbyn bought the south 50 acres and 3 years later, he sold it to his son-in-law T. H. Moorhouse. Mr. Moorhouse farmed the 97 acres until 1946. Wm. Dobbyn had built a fine red brick house on the south 50 in 1881. The barns were remodelled by Alex Dobbyn. The orchard was probably planted by T. H. Moorhouse and he piped water to the buildings from a well a ways back on the farm. A windmill pumps the water into a storage tank at the well site, and it gravity feeds to another storage tank in the house. A pressure system takes over and supplies water to the home, barns and church hall. In 1946, Agnes (Dobbyn) and Cecil Tinney purchased the farm. Early in 1949, the brick home burned and the Tinney family lived on the Duncan Grey farm for the better part of a year while the new brick home was being built in 1949. The Tinney family includes Dorothy (Macaulay), Robert, Mary (McLean), Noreen (Wolfe), Ross and Edith (Towsley). In 1972, Robert Tinney purchased the farm from his father, Cecil. Mrs. Agnes Tinney died in 1980. Cecil remarried and moved to Bothwell in 1985. Robert resides on the farm now.



GLADYS AND HANK ROESCH (Part lot 24 concession 2) — Mr John Drew purchased 16½ acres from Jane (Hopkins) Moorhouse. He also owned the north, 50 acres across from the church (Tinney farm) and 100 acres, the south part of the Wilcox farm now. He farmed and worked as a blacksmith. Mrs. Drew was the practical nurse for the pioneer families. In 1889, John Drew had a farm sale and went west for a while to visit his son Wm. who lived in Manitoba. In the Drew's latter years, Mr. and Mrs. T. Moorhouse moved in to care for her parents. Mr. Drew died in 1904 and Mrs. Drew in 1905. From 1908-14, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. S. Moorhouse lived in the white house south of the mill, while the house was being renovated and made into a two and a half story home. The original Drew home was a one and a half story home with a verandah on three sides. In 1914, the T.S. Moorhouses moved back and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary there. When Thomas S. died in 1917 Clifton and Carrie Wilson bought the 16½ acre property and lived with her mother till she died in 1924. The Wilsons owned property in Mosa, living there in 1929 then returned to Shetland and owned the 100 acres across the river (where Jack and George Elliott are today) from 1928-1935, when the barn burned. In 1933, the house was rented to the John Smith family. Cliff died in 1952, and the property was sold to Douglas Dobbyn. Carrie moved to Bothwell, to live with her sister Mrs. Palmer. Eunice Dobbyn married Bob Fennell at Shetland United Church, while her family lived in the village. Following Mrs. Dobbyn's death, the property was sold to Henry Roesch in 1961. He owned Howes Economy Foods in Chatham, later moving the business to Thamesville. They sold the business in 1977 and for the past 4 years Hank has been superintendent of the Conservation Area park. In 1967, an addition was added for a family room. The addition was moved from the Duncan Gray farm. In 1984, the Roeschs enlarged the downstairs bathroom. Their family includes Barbara (Beckett) of Shetland, Linda (Peters) of Florence and John of Hamilton.



A mobile home was moved onto the H.J. Roesch property in 1969. The Roesch's daughter Linda and her husband Grant Peters lived there for four years. Then it was moved to the May farm and Mrs. Alfred May lived in it. John and Barbara Roesch moved a mobile home onto the same site in 1975. They lived there one year. Linda and Henry DeMuse moved a second mobile home on the property, next to the Elliott's fertilizer warehouse in 1975 and lived there until 1977.



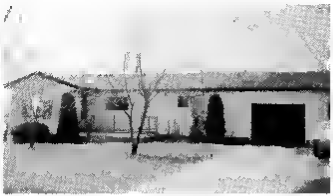
ALEX AND PAT ELLIOTT (part of lot 24 concession 2 (south side of the mill) — This home was built by Royal Badgley and Bert Ward on a 16½ acre lot across from John Fleming on the road which ran diagonally from Shetland to Florence. Joseph

Dobbyn (Harold s father) lived there till they moved to this house now owned by Brad Sharp All this land now owned by Ted Sharp was once owned by John Dobbyn son of pioneer Richard Dobbyn John had the grist and saw mill on the river In 1896 Alex Auld moved this house to its present location beside the mill It was renovated and Alex along with his family lived there Milton Dobbyn bought it put a basement under it and built a one story part on the back for a kitchen In 1908, Thomas H Moorhouse purchased the mill, house and property His parents Mr and Mrs Thomas Scarlet Moorhouse moved in On February 17, 1909 there was a double wedding in the home Mary Ella born in 1884 married John Fletcher Walls and Bertha May born 1886 married Wm James Wright Later the same year Mildred Jane born 1880 married Alexander Gideon Palmer Early in 1914 T S Moorhouse and his wife Emily (Drew) moved to their own home which had been under renovation making it a two and a half story home There they celebrated their 50th anniversary (the Roesch home now) Thomas H and Muriel Eloise (Dobbyn) were married September 27, 1913 They set up housekeeping in the red brick home on the farm across from the church (the Tinney farm now) and the next year (1914) moved into the white house beside the mill and stayed until 1919 Thomas H owned the farm across from the church having purchased the north 50 from his father in 1910 and the south 50 from his father in law in 1919 so he and Muriel moved into the farm house and her parents, Mr and Mrs Alex Dobbyn moved into the house beside the mill For years they boarded the teacher and had the janitor job at the school Mr Dobbyn grew strawberries and even a field of beans on his 16½ acres When Mr Dobbyn died his wife lived alone for several years In 1946 Thomas H and Muriel moved back to care for Mrs Dobbyn The old home was replastered, new cupboards and a bathroom were put on and floors tiled After Thomas H died Muriel lived there until she sold the property to Elliott Bros in 1969 The house was then rented to the Alex Craig family for 3 years Their family included Michael Amanda and Johnathon who as born while they lived there When Robert Elliott married Bonnie (Brown) in 1973, they moved in Jennifer was born while they lived there Next Alex Elliott married Pat (Campbell) in 1980 and they are living there at present until their new home is built on the village outskirts

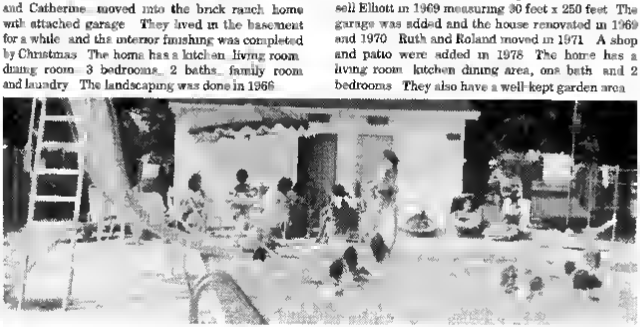
ROBERT AND CATHERINE OSBORNE (part lot 24, concession 2) — The home of Catherine (Elliott) and Robert Osborne stands on land transferred from Thomas R and Russell C Elliott in 1978 Robert and Catherine designed the house and professional plans were drawn up by Mr Bob Fennell Newbury In March 1978 prior to construction one of the large maple trees in the old school yard was cut down to make room for the house The basement was dug and construction of the house started in September by builder Bruce Leitch of Glencoe The electrical rock lath and wood work was done by Robert and Catherine with the help of family and friends In February 1979 Meyer Bros of Oakdale bricked it and the Osbornes moved into the home in April 1979 The home has a kitchen-dining room family room 2 baths 3 bedrooms and a double garage They have a son Russell Gordon Robert

BONNIE AND ROBERT ELLIOTT (part lot 24 concession 2) — This property was originally the site of the one room school house S S #1 Euphemia built in 1878 After the Central school was built in 1965 the old school was used for storage by Elliott Bros until 1979 when it was torn down A brick rancher was built just behind the original school site by Bruce Leitch Glencoe in 1980 Plans were designed by Bonnie and Robert and drawn by Bob Fennell Newbury Much of the brick was cleaned by hand and used for two fireplaces one in the basement and one on the main floor The house has a kitchen dining room, living room three bedrooms three baths and a double garage The couple have two daughters Jennifer and Breanne

MILDRED AND RUSSELL ELLIOTT (part of lot 24 concession 2) — This home was built in 1965 on a lot south of the old school purchased from T H Moorhouse Building began in June with the digging of the basement By October Mildred (Leeson) and Russell and their two children Robert and Catherine moved into the brick ranch home with attached garage They lived in the basement for a while and the interior finishing was completed by Christmas The home has a kitchen living room dining room 3 bedrooms 2 baths family room and laundry The landscaping was done in 1966



RUTH AND ROLAND DOBBYN (south part of E lot 24 concession 2) — This house was purchased in Kent County in February 1969 and moved to its present site The lot was purchased from Russell Elliott in 1969 measuring 30 feet x 250 feet The garage was added and the house renovated in 1969 and 1970 Ruth and Roland moved in 1971 A shop and patio were added in 1978 The home has a living room kitchen dining area, one bath and 2 bedrooms They also have a well-kept garden area



SHETLAND POOL

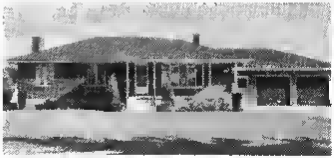
On part of Lot 24, Concession 2 located behind the Russell Elliott home joint owners Tom and Russell Elliott began construction of a 20 by 45 foot concrete pool in August 1977 The sides of the pool were covered with ceramic tile and a pool house was built at the north end This building included change rooms sink toilet shower filter and storage room

In September sand was trucked from Alex Gray's farm to back fill around the pool In November an irrigation pump was borrowed to pump water from the Sydenham River to fill the pool, before freeze up

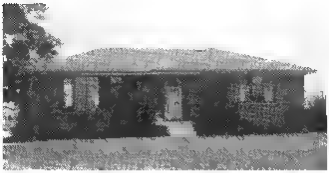
A concrete patio 10 feet wide was poured around the pool in May, 1978 The slopes outside the patio were seeded and patio slab walk ways were laid in an easterly and westerly direction A chain link fence was erected on the east south and west sides and a board fence erected on either side of the pool house to serve as a wind break

That fall it was drained to be painted the next year The second time it was filled with well water A solar cover conserves heat on cool summer nights and the winter cover protects it for the next season's usage It is a beehive of activity from May until Labour Day weekend, for both young and old

ANSON AND DICKIE MOORHOUSE (part lot 24 concession 2) — The lot was purchased in 1973 from Elliott Bros. - Russell Carlyle and Thomas Robert. The building contract was let to Robert Fennell of Fennell Lumber, Newbury. The carpet, curtains and drapes were installed by Delaney-Diamond of London. A greenhouse was built on the south end of the double garage by Lord and Burnham of St. Catherines. The house consists of a main floor with living room, dining area and kitchen, two bedrooms and bath, and a sub-floor with theatre-music room - and study, laundry, power and power work room, store room, and cold room beneath the concrete verandah. The house is heated by electricity, with occasional supplementary heat from an efficient fireplace in the living room. Since Anson's parents were born in the Shetland area, he selected this community for his retirement. He moved into the new house in October 1973 and maintained a bachelor residence until September 1974 when he married Dickie (Jitsuko) Sada - a colleague in Berkeley Studio. Trees, hedges and a fruitful garden were soon added to the lot.



PATRICIA AND BARRY OSBORNE (lot 24, concession 2) — This property was obtained from Thomas and Russell Elliott in 1976. Barry Allen Osborne and Patricia Louise (Elliott) built the home in 1976-77 and moved in August of 1977. The contractor was A. Fennell and Sons. The home has a living room, dining room, kitchen, 2 baths, 3 bedrooms, a double garage and full basement. The Osbornes have 2 children, Jillian and Martin.



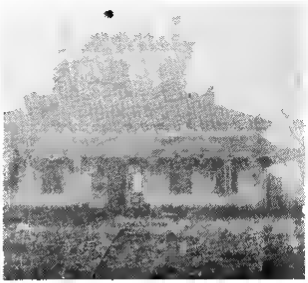
PETER AND TERESA BERGSMA (part lot 24, concession 2) — This home was built in 1977 on a lot purchased from Russell and Tom Elliott. The cement block full basement and exterior brick work was done by Meyer Bros. Masonry of Oakdale. The framing, wiring, plumbing and plastering were contracted. The remaining finishing and landscaping was done by Pete and Teresa. The home has a kitchen, dining room, living room, bath and 2 bedrooms upstairs, downstairs is a family room, 1 bedroom and laundry. The Bergsmas took up residence when they were married in September 1977 and are blessed with 4 children, girls - Michelle and Alana and boys - Bradley and Bryon.

SUE AND BRAD SHARP, (Part lot 24, concession 2) — This property has been traced back to 1869 when a large frame cottage was owned by Jane and Richard Dobbyn. In 1870, a quick claim deed listed it under the name Elmore F. Ross. In 1891, Jane Dobbyn sold it to Henry Gosnell. In 1898, Joseph Dobbyn bought it and lived there, till it was sold to Milton Dobbyn. About 1905, Joseph Dykeman and family rented the house. In 1909, Chris Wilson moved in. In 1919, George Bolton purchased it and four months later sold it to William Bolton, who moved there from his farm on the west half of lot 28, concession 3. Wm. tore the cottage

down and constructed the present two story house in 1919 20 Their family included Billy Jr Charles Ila (Dykeman) Myrtle (Showers) and Mildred (Short) Following Mr Bolton s death Emma lived there alone quite a few years Daughter Ila and husband Art Dykeman bought the house in 1960 and remodelled it Brad Sharp purchased the property in 1978 and married Sue Winkler the same year The home has been remodelled again and vinyl siding put on The root and fruit cellar from the 1869 original cottage is still useable

JOHN AND MARION NEVILLE (tenants) (part lot 24 concession 2 — Records of 1887 show that the mill property 7 30/100 acres and the 4 6 acres containing the orchard and the little white cottage was sold to Wm Rockey The house was rented to DeMilles Mr DeMille worked at the mill and one of their daughters Theodora, married Egerton Moorhouse in 1891 In 1902, the mill property was sold to Samual Gray and the 4 6 acres containing the house was rented by Francis Sharp and family while they renovated the old mill house Then Clifton Wilson lived there In 1909 the 4 6 acres was purchased by Francis Sharp from Wm Rockey Sometime around 1815—part of the east half of lot 23 concession 2 was purchased from the Puddicombe estate by John Fleming and his wife When the house on this property burned the little white cottage was moved to the Fleming farm on the road which ran diagonally from Shetland to Florence (it is now closed) The three Fleming children were raised there In 1935 Robert Fleming of Detroit became owner For a while Dan Leary his brother in law rented it In 1942 Clayton Sharp and his sons John and Currie bought the property They moved the house in 1844 to its present location on the river road Clayton and Pearl Sharp moved into the cottage in 1944 Mrs Sharp died in 1965 and Clayton lived there alone until 1975, when he moved to Seattle Haven Pat (Elliott) and Barry Osborne rented the home for one year and Jill was born while they lived there In 1977 Stuart and Cindy (Hamilton) Sharp moved in and lived there for two years January Sharp was born during that time In 1980 Bonnie (Acton) and Ron Sharp moved it They lived there three years and Marcie was born while they were there In 1984 Jane (King) and Darrell Szusz rented the home In 1985 their daughter Bethany was born and they moved near Petrolia John and Marion Neville are now living there A garage belonging to George Palmer and located by the mill was moved to a site beside the white cottage and is still used as a garage today

BONNIE AND RONALD SHARP, (Part of lot 24—concession 2) — This property was crown land in the year 1831 and was sold by the Canada Company in 1832 to Robert Reed In 1846 Robert Reed sold 200 acres to John Dobbyn In 1851 John Dobbyn sold a piece of land 66 x 66 feet off N E corner of lot 24 concession 2 to the Trustees of S S #1 Euphemia (for the log school) In 1862 John Dobbyn sold 1 4/5 acre in N E part of lot 24, to John Drew (for a blacksmith shop) In 1863 the trustees sold the 1/10 acres in the gore to John Drew (presumably after the school burned) In 1868 the Court of Chancery deeded the land to Elmore P Ross the principal mortgage holder By deed dated December 1877 registered as No 2880 Elmore P Ross conveyed 1¼ acres in lot 24 concession 2 to the trustees of school section No 1 In 1878 a brick school was erected on the southern edge of the village Elmore P Ross sold in 1878 to Elmore W Ross for $12 000 then a year later Elmore W Ross sold to Archbald Graham for $14 000 Previously



Old Mill House known as "Bleek Hall

in 1870 seven acres had been sold to Jane Dobbyn by Elmore P Ross and 7 30/100 acres with all mill rights was sold to Alfred Stratton by A Graham in 1883 Mr Stratton lived in the mill house In 1887 this 7 30/100 acre portion was again sold, this time to Wm Rockey for $2 680 00 He was a grain buyer from Carman Manitoba The larger portion still owned by A Graham was sold to David Watson of Detroit for $12 500 00 in 1894 Then on 1902 Wm Rockey sold his acreage to Samuel Gray and the larger portion, approximately 175 acres was put up for mortgage sale by Frederick Belts at Poynter's Hotel in the Town of Bothwell on Nov 21 1900 and purchased by Samuel Gray In 1904, both properties were purchased by Francis B Sharp of Aldborough township At that time, Francis Sharp remodelled the Old Mill house known as Bleak Hall The twelve foot ceilings on the first floor were lowered to nine feet A winding walnut staircase led to a 'widows walk' on the roof The main floor had been used as a dining room and the upper floor was lined with bunks accomodating the grist mill workers Mr Sharp added a full second story to the square timber framed home bricked the exterior and added two small porches making it into a seven bedroom home In 1912 Francis sold the farm to his son Clayton Sharp who married Pearl Brownlee Their family was raised there John (Oakdale) Currie (Courtright) Edward J (Shetland) and Helen (Wetmore) of Fredericton N B John and Hazel (Jones) lived there from 1943-1947 and Murray was born there Currie and Lorraine (Heskell) lived there from 1947-1951 and Brian Bonnie and Dennis (deceased) were born Maxine and Tom Elliott lived there from 1952-1956 and Patsy and Sue Anne were born An apartment upstairs was rented for a few years to Jenner Breen and then to John Dudoche Edward and Joyce (Arnold) Sharp moved into the home in 1953 They made extensive renovations to the home a interior and added a full width porch to the front Their four sons were raised there Stuart (Petrolia) Brad Ron and Jim Sharps moved to their new home in 1983 Ronald and Bonnie (Acton) moved into the home in 1983 with daughter Marcie and Holly has been born since Since the mill rights were still being sold in 1894 and the new mill in the village was in operation in 1896 we presume the river mill burned about 1895

JOYCE AND TED SHARP: (east half of lot 24 concession 2) — The farm was purchased from Ted's father Clayton in 1957 The family lived in the old brick farm home until a new passive solar house was designed and constructed in 1982-83 Joyce and

Ted spent some time looking at plans for energy efficient homes in the U S before they finally settled on a design of their own, drawn up with the help of a Detroit architect. The house is set into the hill facing south, the earthen berm deflecting the cold northwest winds over the house. It is heavily insulated with walls a R30 factor and ceilings to a R40 factor - both superior to normal standards. The key features are two sunporches, one upstairs and one on the basement level, positioned 20 degrees east of south so their huge windows catch as much sunlight as possible all year long. Hot air from the porches is collected in ducts and directed to a gravel bed beneath the lower floor where it is stored until needed. When outside temperatures fall to the point where the porches no longer absorb heat, they are closed off and the stored heat from the gravel bed is released through ducts. The main heating system is a water furnace. Heat for this system is collected in more than 1000 feet (304.8 m) of plastic pipe filled with a fluid containing some calcium chloride and buried below the frost line in the outside yard. The system works like a heat pump. The tile collects heat in ground water and transports it to heat extractors in the basement. Each floor consists of 1240 square feet of living space. The framing, cement work and plumbing were done by contractors. The rest of the house was completed by Ted and son, Ron. Most of the inside trim is walnut which came from Joyce's parents home farm at Troy, Ontario. The Sharps moved into the home in 1983, and find that the initial expense of $6 000-7000 spent on the solar heating system will soon pay for itself. In 1984, the cost of heating and air-conditioning for the year was $325.00. Landscaping is now being completed.

RED BRICK HOUSE, (north of the mill). (demolished in 1965) — The first owner known was Andrew Ward. He was a store keeper. At that time it was a frame house. Later it was plastered over with cement on the outside and John Drew owned it. When the Drews died, it was willed to the granddaughters (T S. Moorhouse's girls). When Alfred May married Jennie Moorhouse (Egerton's daughter) the Moorhouse girls signed off, to give it to Jennie and Alfred. Alfred spent a great deal of time and expense remodelling it, tearing off the cement and bricking the outside. Their children were Alfred Jr. and Marion (Gleesner). After Jennie died in 1917, the house was rented to Wm. and Bertha (Moorhouse) Wright till they went west. Other renters were Thomas Green and Wm. Siddall. Edwards lived there in 1917 and 1918, then Wm. Bolton and family lived there in 1919 and 1920 while their house was being built. Bye Dykeman lived in it for a while, while he worked in the blacksmith shop in the 20's. Mrs. George Brownlee, purchased it and lived there till she died. Next Mrs. Timothy Rolston bought it. She built a porch on it. When she died, she willed it to a grandnephew, Bruce Coutts, son of Doug Coutts. In 1956, it was sold to Helen and Earl Prangley, who lived there with their family until 1965, when they moved across the street to Russell Elliott's house. (The two properties were traded, as the mill needed more space for expansion). The red brick was torn down in 1965 and Earl Bailey used some of the material for his new home.

When Russell Elliott started to renovate the white house north of the store in 1949, Mr. James Coulter had recently become a widower, as his wife Margaret died that year. In order to give him a home, Russell moved the 20 x 30 foot back kitchen from the Charles Elliott farm into the village and it was situated north of the big house. Mr. Coulter died in 1955. The small home was then moved across the street and attached to the red brick house in the gore, where the Earl Prangley family was living. In 1966, that house was torn down, so the small home was again moved. Thus time it went to Duncan Gray's farm and was used for raising baby chicks. In 1967, the building was purchased by Hank Roesch, moved back to Shetland and remodelled to become a lovely family room.

The home no longer sits on the edge of the ravine south of Shetland It was demolished and burned in December 1984 The Quigley family owned the property when the house was built Mr George George bought the property in 1906 when he married Bessie (Dawe) Blakie George had one daughter, Mary and three sons Edward Ernest and Oliver Bessie had four children Mabel Mary John and Jim Jim and Mary Blakie started attending Shetland school in 1906 All three George boys went out west, but Oliver returned and bought the George homestead, when his father died Oliver and his wife Ella lived there then the farm was sold to Elliott Bros Alex Elliott has purchased a lot on the property to build a new home in the near future

The Dobbyn home in the early 1900's

JESSIE AND OWEN DOBBYN — The first home on the Dobbyn property lot 26 concession 2 was a log dwelling and replaced with a cottage located back of the present home This home was built in 1892 The farm has been in the Dobbyn name for five generations Richard James Jamee Roland and Owen

At one time there were five homes built in Euphemia all off the same plan Four were originally built by Moorhouses and one by a Stevens They were located where Ray Moorhouse George Elliott Robert Annett and Marguerite Blakie live in 1985 and the fifth was on the north side of the river past the Mawlam farm on the river road Each house had a central hall with a large room on either side and back of that were 4 small bedrooms They were originally heated with 2 fireplaces The timbers in the framework were hand hewn showing the marks of the broad axe Most of the wood work was white wood with the stair treads and risers made of walnut There were no closets, but a board on the wall as high as the top of the door made a convenient place for hooks The door knobs were brass The houses had hand split lath which was made by taking a thin board and splitting it almost to the end in narrow strips These were then fitted together to make a base for plaster

This Powell home is still in use George Elliott lives there in 1985 The photo taken in 1904 shows Minerva Lettie, Anna and Mrs John Powell

This home one of the original five is owned by Mrs Marguerite (James) Blakie It was built to face the river so it is parallel with the hill and on an angle with the road An old drain was found to be made of bricks Two parallel lines of bricks were placed end to end on a clay base, with a third line of bricks placed on top This made a passage for the water In 1977, an old well was discovered It was a dug well lined with layers of slate stone still in perfect condition The tiny panes of window glass were replaced with larger panes in 1908 and the upper story of the house was finished The siding on the house was replaced, a back porch was added and electricity installed after Jas Dobbyn bought it in 1939 James Blakie purchased the property in 1943 A garage was built and in 1976 an oil furnace was put in

John Drage was born and raised on Lot 27, concession 2 Euphemia township living there from 1930 until 1981 when he sold the farm and moved to Reece s Corners He and his wife Peggy now operate an Antique and Craft Boutique called "Studio Seven" John has had many poems published and shares this one about Shetland"

SHETLAND

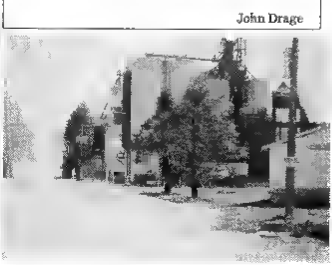
The people of Shetland make its fame
Add to the glory of its name
They spread the story of its fame
Over all the earth
Their help is sought in any game,
Well knows their worth

Watch you the lad that s Shetland bred
On Shetland beef and potatoes fed
The earth resoundeth to their tread
Where ever they trot
They ll be a winner far ahead,
More times than not

There s few can match a Shetland lass
For beauty brains or physical prowess
What ever there may come to pass
They re sure to suit
You ll see they re of a higher class
At any pursuit

Now you have of these verses read
It must be plainly understood
Shetland folk have no swelled head,
Are loath to brag
But when the truth is clearly said
No need to brag

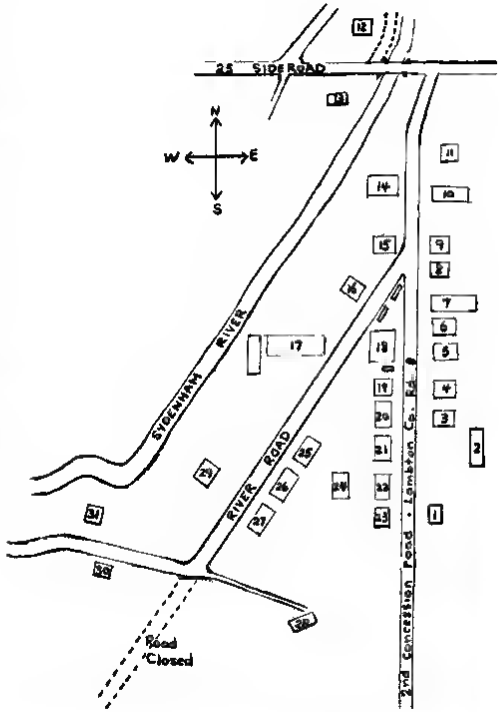
John Drage



Past and Present

Sketch of Village Layout — 1985

1 — Mrs. F. Oliver
2 — Ronald Wilcox
3 — Tom Elliott
4 — Mrs C. Elliott
5 — Ron Beckett
6 — Alex Bolton
7 — Store
8 — Mrs. E. Frangley
9 — Gordon Smith
10 — Hall
11 — Robert Tinney
12 — Owen Dobbyn
13 — Mrs. J. Blake
14 — Church
15 — Library
16 — Hank Roesch
17 — Mill Warehouses
18 — Mill
19 — Alex Elliott
20 — Robert Osborne
21 — Robert Elliott
22 — Russell Elliott
23 — Roland Dobbyn
24 — Pool
25 — Peter Bergsma
26 — Barry Osborne
27 — Anson Moorhouse
28 — Ted Sharp
29 — Brad Sharp
30 — John Neville
31 — Ronald Sharp



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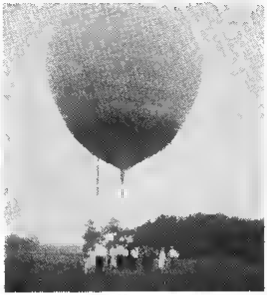
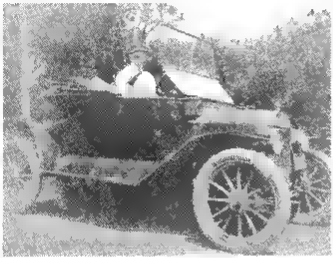


In 1930 four Michigan men taking a pleasure ride in a balloon, ran into difficulty as they passed over Shetland. John Woodwiss and Levi Badgley went to their rescue and they landed without mishap.

Levi Badgley owned a 1910 I H C cham driven, single cylinder, auto wagon with hard rubber tires which he used to haul freight from the rail roads to Shetland. This was probably the first truck used in Euphemia township.



George Palmer owned this car

The Powell Dobbyn, Moorhouse and Coulter children rode in this democrat with Reverend Anson E. and Minnie (Powell) Moorhouse in 1915. Standing is Mrs. Robert Moorhouse and Nellie Coulter (daughter).

The men (older and younger) and young ladies have put on breakfasts over the years as a fund raising and socialising project. The menu in March 1985 was oatmeal or 7 grain cereal porridge, grits, Spanish omelette, toast, juice, and coffee – all you can eat for a donation!! Shetland chefs - Left to right Bob Osborne, Robert Elliott, Tom Elliott, Barry Osborne, Alex Elliott, Lloyd May in 1975

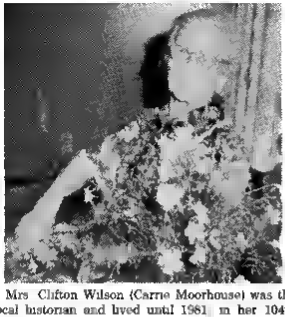
These 'maids' set the tables - Carol Johnston and Joy Moorhouse

For medical services you have to go to Bothwell, Newbury, Thamesville or Chatham to see a doctor. As early as 1864, there was a doctor in Florence. Dr. J.R. Sussex was the last doctor to practise there. He moved to Chatham in 1971. Since 1967 we have been fortunate to have a 45 bed Four Counties General Hospital at Newbury.

A Shetland girl competed for Florence Fair queen each year, sponsored by the Shetland W.I.

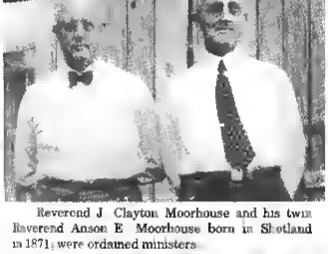
Jack Burghardt of London was an anniversary speaker

Reverend Harold Moorhouse now of Greenville Illinois is a retired Free Methodist pastor, who grew up in the Shetland area

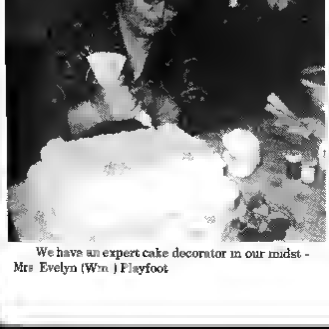


Mrs Clifton Wilson (Carrie Moorhouse) was the local historian and lived until 1981 in her 104th year

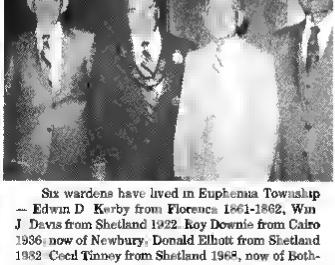
Ehzs Palmer became a deaconess in a branch of the nursing profession



Reverend J Clayton Moorhouse and his twin Raverend Anson E Moorhouse born in Shetland in 1871 were ordained ministers



We have an expert cake decorator in our midst - Mrs Evelyn (Wm) Playfoot



Six wardens have lived in Euphemia Township — Edwin D Kerby from Florence 1861-1862, Wm J Davis from Shetland 1922. Roy Downie from Cairo 1936 now of Newbury. Donald Elliott from Shetland 1932 Cecil Tinney from Shetland 1968, now of Bothwell Orvills Cox from Aberfeldy 1955 now of Alvinston

There were numerous little churches surrounding Shetland by the 1850's and later. The Anglican church in Florence dates from 1845, later there was a Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist and Free Methodist church. Wesley Methodist church was located on Lot 25, concession 6 from 1879-1915. There was a Methodist church at Armstrong also. The Free Methodists had churches or meeting places at Aughrim, Ousley, Croton, Wabash, Oakdale, etc.

Oil was discovered in the Shetland district in the late 1800's on Alex Dobbyn's river flats (now owned by T. Lawson), Nathan Moorhouse (now owned by Gerhard Esch) and Sam Turtle's (now owned by T. Lawson) on the west side of the river. On the east side of the river, there were wells on the Lewis Smith property (now owned by Keith and Norman Elliott), John Munro property (now owned by Grays), the original Samuel Smith farm and the Robert Moorhouse farm (now owned by Robert Annett).

BAPTISM 1954 — Left - Rev. S. Miner; Leola and Glen Wilcox and Dennis; Betty and Roy Dobbyn and Dianne; Mildred and Russell Elliott and Catherine; Helen and Earl Prangley and Gordon; Maxine and Tom Elliott and Sue Anne; Joyce and Edward Sharp and Stuart.

SPECIAL BAPTISMAL SERVICE — A meaningful infant baptismal service was conducted in 1976 by Dr. A. Moorhouse and Mr. Jake Gensbrecht in the presence of a large congregation. Left to right - Ron and Verna Ruch with Julie, Katherine; Robert and Anna May Aldous with Eric Scott; Gordon and Elaine McAuslan with Richard Gordon Ellsworth; Eric and Diane Nystrom with Jennifer Lee; Robert and Bonnie Elliott with Jennifer Jane, Ken and Carolene Cowell with Daniel Robert.

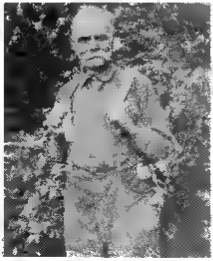
On Mother's Day Sunday May 12, 1985 these six babies were baptized at the 11:30 service. Left to right Corinne and Rick Elliott and daughter Danelle Marie. Betty and William Playfoot and son William Thomas. Karen and Joe Elliott and daughter Brandie Mae. Patty and Chris Moorhouse and daughter Cassandra Leah. Christine and Ken Johnson and son Justin William. Jane Elliott and daughter Mary Catherine. Absent when the photo was taken was Charles Elliott. Standing in is Rev. Eric Hudson, who officiated at the special service.

Frances Nickawa, a young Cree Indian gave readings of Pauline Johnson's poems in Shetland church in 1923. She stayed with Mrs. John Powell.

The first telephone was installed in Shetland in 1909 and was connected with the Bothwell phone company. A switch in the store connected the Bothwell and Inwood lines.

At one time it was hoped a spur of the C.N.R. would be brought to Shetland, so the land back and south of the old school was surveyed into city lots.

The closest banking services are Bank of Montreal in Bothwell, Thamesville or Inwood and Royal Bank in Newbury. Some people go as far as Dresden or Chatham. Until 1934, there was a Royal Bank Branch in Florence.



MR. ALEX DOBBYN — In his retirement years, he continued to be a great gardener. After moving from his farm into Shetland he grew strawberries and raspberries for sale.

LARGE GROUP RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP OF SHETLAND UNITED CHURCH — A large congregation welcomed thirteen new members to their membership roll on Mother s Day or Family Sunday May 9 1976 Each received a copy of the New Testament "Good News for Modern Man" his certificate of Membership and acknowledgement by the Clerk of Session Roland Dobbyn This is thought to be one of the largest if not the largest group to join in the history of the Shetland Church Back left to right Norman McAuslan Greg Playfoot Stanley Johnston Scott Elliott Craig Moorhouse Mark Ross Front left to right - Carol Johnston Mrs Florence Johnston Catherine Ross Mary Jane Elliott Christine Elliott Margaret Ann Gray Terry Acton

We have an artist Barbara Perrin who has a home and studio on the old Ousley school site

The Dixie Flyers put on a Blue Grass concert at Shetland Hall sponsored by the Lambton County South Western Library System

This musical group "The Country Rovers" provided music for the family dance held at the school in March 1978 — (left) Verne Alexander R R 2 Florence (centre) Allan Yacks Florence (right) Jack Sullivan Bothwell (front) Bill McCutcheon R R 2 Florence

The total population of the village of Shetland as of June 1985 is 46

For everything there is a season, and
a time for every matter under Heaven
a time to be born and a time to die
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted
a time to kill and a time to heal
a time to break down and a time to build up
a time to weep and a time to laugh
a time to mourn and a time to dance
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing
a time to seek and a time to lose
a time to keep and a time to cast away
a time to rend, and a time to sew
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak
a time to love, and a time to hate,
a time for war, and a time for peace.

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Виноградник — посадка винограда для производства вина. Виноградарство — отрасль сельского хозяйства, занимающаяся выращиванием винограда. Виноградная лоза — растение, дающее виноград.

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Сельское хозяйство — отрасль экономики, занимающаяся производством продуктов питания и сырья. Земледелие — обработка почвы для выращивания растений. Животноводство — разведение домашних животных.

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Appendix A: Model Cards

Model Card: Sentiment Classifier v2.1

Model Details

Developed by: Data Science Team, Acme Corp

Model type: Fine-tuned BERT-base-uncased for binary sentiment classification

Training data: 2.4 million customer reviews collected between January 2019 and December 2020

Evaluation data: 120,000 held-out reviews from the same distribution

Intended Use

Primary use: Classifying customer reviews as positive or negative for aggregate reporting

Out-of-scope use: Individual-level decision making, content moderation, or any use on text that is not customer reviews

Performance

Overall accuracy: 91.4%

Accuracy on reviews under 20 words: 84.2%

Accuracy on reviews over 200 words: 95.1%

Limitations

The model was trained on reviews from a single platform and may not generalize to other domains.

Performance degrades on short reviews, which are often ambiguous.

The model has not been evaluated for fairness across demographic groups.

Ethical Considerations

Reviews may contain personal information; the training data was anonymized before use.

The model should not be used to make decisions about individual customers.

Model Card: Toxicity Detector v1.0

Model Details

Developed by: Trust and Safety Team, Acme Corp

Model type: Logistic regression on TF-IDF features

Training data: 800,000 labeled comments

Intended Use

Primary use: Flagging comments for human review

Out-of-scope use: Automatic removal without human review

Performance

Precision at 0.5 threshold: 0.78

Recall at 0.5 threshold: 0.71

Limitations

The model is trained on English-language comments only.

It has a high false positive rate on discussions of sensitive topics.

Model Card: Churn Predictor v3.0

Model Details

Developed by: Growth Team, Acme Corp

Model type: Gradient boosted trees

Training data: 18 months of subscription history

Intended Use

Primary use: Identifying customers likely to cancel in the next 30 days

Out-of-scope use: Pricing decisions

Performance

AUC: 0.86

Limitations

The model was trained before the pricing change and may not reflect current behavior.

Model Card: Image Tagger v1.2

Model Details

Developed by: Media Team, Acme Corp

Model type: Multi-label image classifier

Training data: 1.1 million images with human-assigned tags

Intended Use

Primary use: Suggesting tags for uploaded images

Out-of-scope use: Identifying individuals

Performance

Mean average precision: 0.62

Limitations

The model has a vocabulary of 500 tags and cannot tag anything outside it.

Model Card: Spam Filter v4.0

Model Details

Developed by: Messaging Team, Acme Corp

Model type: Naive Bayes

Training data: 5 million labeled messages

Intended Use

Primary use: Filtering spam from user inboxes

Out-of-scope use: Filtering messages in languages other than English

Performance

False positive rate: 0.02%

False negative rate: 1.3%

Limitations

The model is updated weekly and may lag behind new spam campaigns.

Model Card: Recommender v2.0

Model Details

Developed by: Discovery Team, Acme Corp

Model type: Two-tower neural network

Training data: 6 months of click and purchase history

Intended Use

Primary use: Ranking items in the home feed

Out-of-scope use: Search ranking

Performance

Recall at 100: 0.41

Limitations

The model has a cold-start problem for new users and new items.

Model Card: Translation Model v1.0

Model Details

Developed by: Localization Team, Acme Corp

Model type: Transformer encoder-decoder

Training data: 40 million sentence pairs

Intended Use

Primary use: Translating product descriptions from English to Spanish

Out-of-scope use: Translating user-generated content

Performance

BLEU: 38.2

Limitations

The model was trained on formal text and struggles with colloquial input.

Model Card: Fraud Detector v2.3

Model Details

Developed by: Risk Team, Acme Corp

Model type: Isolation forest

Training data: 12 months of transaction history

Intended Use

Primary use: Flagging transactions for review

Out-of-scope use: Automatic blocking without review

Performance

Precision at 0.5 threshold: 0.12

Recall at 0.5 threshold: 0.88

Limitations

The model has a very high false positive rate and is used only to prioritize review queues.

Sample

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The New Methodist Church of Canada,

SITUATED ON THE CORNER OF

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12 '82

Rev. [illegible] D.D., Pastor

Rev. [illegible] A.M.

Rev. [illegible] B.A.

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Will Preach in the Morning at [illegible] o'clock.

Rev. [illegible] B.A.

Rev. [illegible] B.A.

Will Preach in the Evening at [illegible] o'clock.

LECTURE!

MONDAY EVE. NOV. 13th, 1882.

Rev. Wm McDougall of Chatham

Subject—"Church, Its Purpose and Relations."

Admission 25 cts.

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Unit 1 Test

Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1. What is the slope of the line passing through the points $(2, 5)$ and $(4, 9)$?
   a. $\frac{1}{2}$
   b. 2
   c. 4
   d. $\frac{2}{4}$

2. Which of the following is the equation of a line with a slope of -3 and a y-intercept of 7?
   a. $y = 7x - 3$
   b. $y = -3x + 7$
   c. $y = 3x + 7$
   d. $y = -3x - 7$

3. The graph of a linear function passes through the origin. Which statement must be true?
   a. The slope is zero.
   b. The y-intercept is zero.
   c. The slope is one.
   d. The function is not linear.

4. Which ordered pair is a solution to the system $y = 2x + 1$ and $y = -x + 4$?
   a. $(1, 3)$
   b. $(2, 5)$
   c. $(3, 7)$
   d. $(0, 4)$

5. A line is perpendicular to a line with slope $\frac{3}{5}$. What is the slope of the perpendicular line?
   a. $\frac{5}{3}$
   b. $-\frac{3}{5}$
   c. $-\frac{5}{3}$
   d. $\frac{3}{5}$

6. Which of the following is the equation of a horizontal line passing through $(4, -2)$?
   a. $x = 4$
   b. $y = -2$
   c. $x = -2$
   d. $y = 4$

7. The graph of $y = x^2 - 4$ is shifted 3 units up. What is the new equation?
   a. $y = x^2 - 1$
   b. $y = x^2 + 3$
   c. $y = x^2 - 7$
   d. $y = (x - 3)^2 - 4$

8. Which of the following is the vertex of the parabola $y = (x + 2)^2 - 5$?
   a. $(2, -5)$
   b. $(-2, 5)$
   c. $(-2, -5)$
   d. $(2, 5)$

9. The solution to the inequality $2x - 3 > 7$ is
   a. $x > 5$
   b. $x < 5$
   c. $x > 2$
   d. $x < 2$

10. Which of the following is the graph of $y \geq -x + 1$?
    a. A solid line with slope -1 and y-intercept 1, shaded above
    b. A dashed line with slope -1 and y-intercept 1, shaded above
    c. A solid line with slope 1 and y-intercept -1, shaded below
    d. A dashed line with slope 1 and y-intercept -1, shaded below

11. The function $f(x) = 3x + 2$ is evaluated at $x = -1$. What is $f(-1)$?
    a. -1
    b. 1
    c. 5
    d. -5

12. Which of the following is the domain of the function $f(x) = \sqrt{x - 3}$?
    a. $x \geq 3$
    b. $x > 3$
    c. $x \leq 3$
    d. $x < 3$

13. The range of the function $y = |x| - 2$ is
    a. $y \geq -2$
    b. $y > -2$
    c. $y \leq 2$
    d. $y < 2$

14. Which of the following is the inverse of $f(x) = 2x + 6$?
    a. $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + 6$
    b. $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2}x - 3$
    c. $f^{-1}(x) = 2x - 6$
    d. $f^{-1}(x) = -2x - 6$

15. The graph of $y = f(x)$ is reflected across the x-axis. What is the new equation?
    a. $y = f(-x)$
    b. $y = -f(x)$
    c. $y = f(x) + 1$
    d. $y = f(x - 1)$

16. Which of the following is the equation of a line with an undefined slope passing through $(3, 4)$?
    a. $y = 3$
    b. $x = 4$
    c. $y = 4$
    d. $x = 3$

17. The function $f(x) = x^3$ is
    a. even
    b. odd
    c. neither even nor odd
    d. both even and odd

18. Which of the following is the graph of $y = 2^x$?
    a. A curve passing through $(0, 1)$ and $(1, 2)$
    b. A curve passing through $(0, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$
    c. A curve passing through $(0, 2)$ and $(1, 4)$
    d. A curve passing through $(0, 1)$ and $(1, 0)$

19. The solution to the system $x + y = 5$ and $x - y = 1$ is
    a. $(3, 2)$
    b. $(2, 3)$
    c. $(4, 1)$
    d. $(1, 4)$

20. Which of the following is the equation of a line passing through $(0, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$?
    a. $y = x$
    b. $y = -x$
    c. $y = x + 1$
    d. $y = -x + 1$

Short Answer

21. Find the slope of the line passing through the points $(-3, 2)$ and $(1, -6)$.

22. Write the equation of the line with slope $\frac{1}{2}$ and y-intercept -4.

23. Graph the inequality $y < 2x - 1$.

24. Find the vertex of the parabola $y = x^2 + 6x + 5$.

25. Solve the system $y = x + 3$ and $y = -2x + 6$.

26. Find the domain of the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x - 2}$.

27. Find the range of the function $y = |x + 1| - 3$.

28. Find the inverse of $f(x) = 3x - 9$.

29. Write the equation of a line perpendicular to $y = \frac{2}{3}x + 1$ passing through $(6, 0)$.

30. Graph the function $y = -x^2 + 4$.

Essay

31. Explain how to find the slope of a line given two points. Include an example.

32. Describe the graph of $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ when $a > 0$ and when $a < 0$.

33. Explain how to solve a system of linear equations by graphing. Include an example.

34. Describe the domain and range of the function $y = \sqrt{x}$.

35. Explain how to find the inverse of a function. Include an example.

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Section 1. Definitions

For the purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

"Agreement" means this Master Services Agreement, including all Schedules, Exhibits, and Statements of Work executed hereunder.

"Confidential Information" means any non-public information disclosed by one party to the other party, whether orally or in writing, that is designated as confidential or that reasonably should be understood to be confidential given the nature of the information and the circumstances of disclosure.

"Deliverables" means the tangible and intangible work product, reports, software, documentation, and other materials to be created and delivered by Provider to Client under a Statement of Work.

"Effective Date" means the date first written above, or if no date is written above, the date on which the last party executes this Agreement.

"Fees" means the amounts payable by Client to Provider for the Services, as set forth in the applicable Statement of Work.

"Intellectual Property Rights" means all patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, moral rights, and other proprietary rights recognized in any jurisdiction.

"Services" means the professional services to be performed by Provider for Client as described in one or more Statements of Work.

"Statement of Work" or "SOW" means a written document executed by both parties that describes the Services, Deliverables, timeline, and Fees for a specific engagement.

Section 2. Scope of Services

Provider shall perform the Services described in each Statement of Work executed by the parties. Provider shall perform the Services in a professional and workmanlike manner, consistent with generally accepted industry standards for similar services.

Provider shall assign personnel with the skills and qualifications reasonably necessary to perform the Services. Provider may substitute personnel of equal or greater qualifications upon reasonable notice to Client.

Client shall provide Provider with reasonable access to its facilities, systems, and personnel as necessary for Provider to perform the Services. Client's failure to provide such access may excuse Provider's performance to the extent it is affected by such failure.

Section 3. Fees and Payment

Client shall pay Provider the Fees set forth in each Statement of Work. Unless otherwise stated in a Statement of Work, Fees are due thirty (30) days after the date of Provider's invoice.

Late payments shall bear interest at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month, or the maximum rate permitted by law, whichever is lower.

Client shall reimburse Provider for reasonable pre-approved travel and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the Services.

Section 4. Intellectual Property

Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, each party retains all Intellectual Property Rights in its pre-existing materials.

Upon full payment of the Fees, Provider assigns to Client all Intellectual Property Rights in the Deliverables created specifically for Client under a Statement of Work.

Provider grants Client a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free license to use any Provider pre-existing materials incorporated into the Deliverables.

Section 5. Confidentiality

Each party shall protect the Confidential Information of the other party using the same degree of care it uses to protect its own confidential information, but in no event less than reasonable care.

Confidential Information shall not include information that is publicly available, already known to the receiving party, independently developed, or rightfully obtained from a third party.

The obligations of confidentiality shall survive for three (3) years after the termination of this Agreement.

Section 6. Limitation of Liability

To the maximum extent permitted by law, neither party shall be liable for indirect, incidental, special, consequential, or punitive damages arising out of this Agreement.

Provider's total liability under this Agreement shall not exceed the Fees paid by Client in the twelve (12) months preceding the claim.

Section 7. Termination

Either party may terminate this Agreement for convenience upon thirty (30) days' written notice.

Either party may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice if the other party materially breaches this Agreement and fails to cure the breach within fifteen (15) days after receiving notice of the breach.

Upon termination, Client shall pay Provider for all Services performed and expenses incurred through the effective date of termination.

Section 8. Miscellaneous

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, and negotiations.

This Agreement may be amended only by a written instrument signed by both parties.

If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to its conflict of laws principles.

Any notice required under this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered by email, by overnight courier, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the addresses set forth above.

Neither party shall be liable for delay or failure in performance caused by events beyond its reasonable control, including acts of God, war, terrorism, labor disputes, or governmental actions.

The parties are independent contractors. Nothing in this Agreement creates a partnership, joint venture, agency, or employment relationship between them.

Client shall not solicit for employment any employee of Provider who has performed Services under this Agreement, during the term of this Agreement and for one (1) year thereafter.

Provider shall maintain commercial general liability insurance and professional liability insurance in amounts reasonably appropriate for the Services, and shall provide certificates of insurance upon Client's request.

Client shall indemnify Provider against third-party claims arising from Client's misuse of the Deliverables or Client's breach of this Agreement.

Provider shall indemnify Client against third-party claims that the Deliverables, as delivered by Provider, infringe a third party's Intellectual Property Rights.

The prevailing party in any dispute arising under this Agreement shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

Any waiver of a breach of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach.

The headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not affect its interpretation.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute one instrument.

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6. Community Organizations

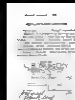

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Fig. 1. Ceremonial procession entering Bishop Barnes' Memorial Church, with choir and clergy vestments.

Fig. 2. Bishop Barnes' Memorial Church, Port Moresby, Papua. Interior showing altar, pulpit and lectern.

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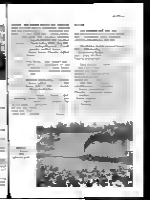

6 — Elevations

Type: Fighter aircraft
Manufacturer: Various
Introduced: 1940s
Status: Retired
Primary users: Various
Number built: Thousands
Unit cost: Varies by model
Developed from: Earlier propeller fighters
Variants: Many

Overview

This article is a general overview of a class of aircraft rather than a single model. It covers the typical design features, operational history, and notable examples of the type.

Design

Aircraft in this class are characterized by a single piston engine driving a propeller, a low-wing monoplane configuration, and a fully enclosed cockpit. Armament usually consists of a combination of machine guns and cannon mounted in the wings or nose.

Operational history

The type saw extensive service during the Second World War, where it was used in the roles of air superiority fighter, ground attack, and reconnaissance. After the war, many surplus aircraft were sold to air forces around the world.

Variants

Several variants were produced over the course of the production run, differing mainly in engine power, armament, and wing shape. Later variants were heavier and faster than the original design.

See also

- Fighter aircraft
- Piston engine
- Monoplane

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